

We Are Prompt
If you want an Express, Furniture
Van, Truck or Dray, phone us.
Pacific Transfer Co.
121 Cormorant. Phone 248 and 249
BAGGAGE STORED.

Victoria Daily Times

Wellington Coal
\$6.50 PER TON, CASH ONLY
Hall & Walker
1222 Government St. Phone 82

VOL. 45.

VICTORIA, B. C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1914

NO. 159

ANGLO-FRENCH KEEP GERMANS MOVING

CANADIANS MAKING CHRISTMAS PLANS

Eight Thousand Men Will
Leave Salisbury Plains
for Holidays

COLONEL WILLIAMS HAS RETURNED FROM FRANCE

Warns Men of Intemperate
Habits That Army Has No
Use for Them

London, Dec. 22.—Preparations for celebrating Christmas are in full swing among the Canadians at Salisbury Plains. Many of them will celebrate it by putting a good many miles between themselves and the camp. About eight thousand men have obtained leave, varying from three to seven days, according to the distance they intend traveling. Several thousands more will get leave for the day only.

A bright day with plenty of agreeable incidents is promised for those who remain in camp. A church service will be held and also celebration of holy communion. In the evening smoking concerts have been arranged by the men themselves. Each battalion has been given permission to provide dinner according to its own taste and fancy. The second battalion has secured several barrels of Canadian apples.

About fifty men of the 17th Nova Scotians have been transferred to the Princess Patricia's regiment.

Colonel Williams has returned from the front, where he spent three weeks studying conditions. He was three days and nights in the trenches. On returning to Salisbury he delivered several lectures to the officers at Buxford.

Colonel Williams has sought to make it specially known that there is no place at the front for the men of intemperate habits. Men have been shot for being found drunk on duty.

Mrs. Vaughn, wife of Gen. Vaughn, who is now at the front, has been visiting in behalf of the nine hundred and fifty Canadians now in the hospital, having given up her beautiful house in the neighborhood for convalescents.

Christmas presents by the thousands are now arriving at the hospitals. The first brigade having shifted their tents to clean dry ground find themselves so comfortable, especially since securing oil stoves for every tent, that they have requested that they shall not be moved into huts. This petition has been granted. There are a good many healthy fellows who find hut life stuffy and who consider tents preferable. The camping ground is dry and high.

The second number of the bulletin, issued by the Second Battalion is now published, reflecting much credit on the editor, Signaller Charles Green. Like the first number it deals with camp gossip, has excellent photographs of drill and other daily events and poetry. Congratulations are in order to the poet who contrives to make "out him on the bum" rhyme with "went to Belgium."

The London correspondent of the Manchester Daily Dispatch has a note about the presence of officers' wives in the neighborhood of Salisbury Plains. He likens the coming over of these ladies in the wake of their husbands to the presence of Thackeray's feminine characters in Vanity Fair who were all assembled in Brussels on the eve of Waterloo.

AUSTRIA WILL NOT PAY TO HER ALIEN ENEMIES

New York, Dec. 22.—Austria-Hungary will pay no money for the present at least, to alien enemies, who hold her 4½ per cent. notes, due January 1 next, according to announcement made here today by Dr. Constantin Pumba, Austria-Hungarian minister to the United States. Dr. Pumba said that the redemption of notes held by citizens of countries at war with Austria-Hungary is temporarily suspended.

Other holders of such notes, it was announced, must accompany the notes by affidavits assuring the government that no alien enemies have any interest in the securities to be redeemed.

PROHIBITION BEFORE UNITED STATES HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 22.—Under a special rule, which was adopted without a rollcall, the house began just after noon today an eight-hour debate on the Hobson resolution to submit to the states a constitutional amendment for national prohibition. An aye and nay vote will be reached to-night.

LOOKED LIKE SPIES TO PACHENA PEOPLE

Three Americans Arrested and
Their Boat and Supplies
Confiscated

WERE ORDERED DEPORTED AFTER TRIAL BY COURT

Trio of Hunters Taken to Alberni on Charge of Having Firearms

Seattle, Dec. 22.—Taken for German spies after their boat, the Emu, an unregistered vessel, was wrecked off the coast of north Vancouver Island, at Pachena Bay, H. G. Godfrey, O. J. Eaton and Carl Harger, three American-born men, suffered confiscation of their boat, traps, guns and all their equipment, and were deported. They arrived in Seattle yesterday without sufficient money to buy a meal or pay for a night's lodging. They have started proceedings through the American consul in Vancouver to obtain their property.

Godfrey, with Eaton and Harger, tell of building the Emu at Fort Camby, on the Columbia river, and setting sail from that point for Alaska with traps, guns and provisions for the winter early in October. The Emu was a staunch sloop of forty feet in length and twelve beam. Off Pachena Bay, Vancouver Island, while trying to make shelter under the lee of the shore, a boom lift broke and within a few minutes the sail of the Emu was torn into ribbons. With a jib alone they finally succeeded in getting into Pachena Bay. The storm continued and during the night the Emu dragged its anchor and went on the rocks a short distance from shore.

The guns, traps and provisions for only a few days were saved. For several days Godfrey, Eaton and Harger put their time in getting their boat into a favorable position for repairing.

According to Godfrey, their presence at that point on Vancouver Island aroused the curiosity of the inhabitants of the place, and despite, he says, the ready answering of every question they put to the three men, it was less than a week when military officers were sent for and questioned them.

After several weeks on the island when their funds were running low, and after all of the provisions they saved were exhausted, the three men went inland about six miles with traps and guns for the purpose of getting some furs and food. They met soldiers at different points on the road and were questioned. Godfrey says he and his party were asked if they could speak German and also many other questions that led him to believe that he had been taken for a German spy.

Upon the return of the three men to Pachena Bay they were placed under arrest and charged with having firearms in their possession. They were taken to Alberni the following day, where they were tried, found guilty and ordered deported.

It was not until their start for Vancouver had been made that Godfrey learned that the party had been charged 50 cents for each meal eaten during their incarceration, all of the railroad and boat fare from Pachena Bay to Seattle, and \$4 for a guard at Pachena Bay during the night they were held in jail there. While in Vancouver Godfrey was allowed to consult with the American consul, and before being sent to Alberni he was given the treatment and a claim for the Emu and the traps and guns and other equipment, valued at \$3,000, which the trial judge announced was confiscated.

ARE CLEARING BELGIAN COAST OF ALL GERMANS

Paris, Dec. 22.—Not only were the Germans said on good authority here today to have quit Middlekerke, but unconfirmed reports were current that they had evacuated Ostend. It was learned that British warships had been bombarding Zeebrugge and Heyt for two days.

They were supporting a general land movement to clear the Belgian coast of Germans.

SENTENCED TO DEATH MAN CONFESSES CRIME

Brandon, Dec. 22.—Harry Green, sentenced to be hanged on February 25 for the murder of Thomas Hill, a fellow farm laborer on the Baker farm at Hartney on May 17 last, has made a full confession of his crime, and requests that his statement be published. Throughout the various stages of his trial Green stoutly declared his innocence.



FOR VALOR: THE FIRST TEN V. C.'S OF THE GREAT WAR

GERMANS WHIPPED NORTH OF VISTULA

Outcome of Advance on Warsaw is Problematic; Great Battle Imminent

London, Dec. 22.—It is only at the northern and southern extremities of the line of battle in the eastern arena of the war that any marked change is to be noted today. In the western theatre siege warfare of a most stubborn and laborious kind persists. This briefly sums up the situation both in the east and in the west today, so far as has been disclosed by the official statement.

The ultimate outcome of the German advance upon Warsaw is still problematical, as a decisive conflict has yet to be fought. Although the Russian centre has retired, it now has been reinforced and it is holding a line on the Bzura from its juncture with the Vistula.

North of the Vistula Petrograd reports say the Germans have been whipped and pushed back over the frontier until their line now stretches behind Soudau, which is midway between Lausenburg and Niedenburg, in East Prussia.

To the south, it is contended in Russian reports that the movement of the Austrians through the Carpathians has been defeated simultaneously with the defeat of the garrison at Przemyel, which was hurled back after an attempted sortie from this fortress.

The British press comments today on General Joffre's order to advance, as cable to London from Berlin. The papers say that while they are unable to vouch for the authenticity of this document, it certainly seems to coincide with the pressure the allies are making all along the line. It is not believed in London, however, that the real work of driving the Germans out of Belgium will begin for some weeks to come.

Emperor William, according to the latest reports reaching here, has gone from Berlin to the western front. This would indicate, in the view of British observers, that he regards the situation there more important and critical than in the east.

CZAR AND EMPRESS ARE WELCOMED AT MOSCOW

Lord Mayor Remarks on Benefits
Arising from Abolition of
Sale of Vodka.

Moscow, via Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The arrival of the emperor and empress here today was marked by an enthusiastic reception at the railroad station. The emperor was welcomed by the civilians and military authorities and delegates of the Zemstvo.

M. T. Cheluykoff, the new lord mayor of Moscow, in presenting bread and salt to the emperor, took occasion to deliver a speech of welcome, in which he pointed out the loyalty of the people to the emperor and thanked him for the benefits arising from the abolition of the government monopoly on vodka, which was largely due, he declared, to the efforts of the emperor. The lord mayor spoke of the brave fight the Russian army was making in the field, and predicted a victory and a resurrection of justice for all Slavs and for all peoples.

The emperor thanked the lord mayor for the sentiments expressed.

STANDARD OIL HAS CUT UP ANOTHER BIG MELON

New York, Dec. 22.—Another Standard Oil company melon was cut yesterday, making a fine Christmas present for stockholders of the Ohio Oil company, one of the Standard subsidiaries. It took the form of a distribution of stock of the Illinois Pipe Line company among the holders, equivalent to 133 1-3 per cent. dividend.

The Ohio company is both an oil producing and pipe line company, operating in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Its capital stock is \$15,000,000, par value, divided into 25 shares.

Last year it made \$22,000,000 profit, equal to 152 per cent. on its stock, and declared a 57 per cent. dividend. At a meeting of stockholders yesterday in Lima, Ohio, the Illinois company stock was parcelled out on a basis equalling 133 1-3 per cent.

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE
VICTORIA PATRIOTIC AID
FUND**
Corner Fort and Broad Streets
Victoria, B. C.

ROUMANIA RESTORES LAND TO BULGARIA

Bargain Made That May Leave
Way Clear for Attack
on Austria

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The Bulgarian minister announced today that an agreement has been reached between Roumania and Bulgaria under which Roumania will restore to Bulgaria the province of Dobruja and most of the other territory which she acquired from Bulgaria as a result of the second Balkan war.

"This agreement has been reached without pressure from either Germany or the allies," said an official connected with the Roumanian ministry. "We shall continue to be neutral and believe that Roumania, although she has no cause to fear us, also will remain neutral."

It has been asserted here that the fear of Bulgaria alone had prevented Roumania from invading Austria and entering the war on the side of the allies.

"If Greece would return Kavala and the Macedonian territory she annexed during the second Balkan war, and Serbia would restore to us the Macedonian provinces she occupied, despite her agreement of 1912, the Balkan union could be reconstructed," said the Bulgarian official. "Under these circumstances a lasting peace would be established in the Balkans. But unfortunately neither Greece nor Serbia has shown an intention to revise the treaty of Bucharest. The heir to the Serbian throne, Prince Alexander, on receiving Prince Troubaskoy, when the prince delivered his credentials from Emperor Nicholas at Nish, yesterday, said: 'Serbia guides her own national interests,' meaning that Serbia was not ready to return the Macedonian provinces."

"A reconstructed Balkan Union would favor neither the allies nor Germany, nor would it have any aggressive intentions. Roumania's Transylvanian aspirations, Greece's claims to Turkish islands, Serbia's differences with Austria brings about such a conflict of interests that it would be impossible to throw the union as a whole, one way or the other. Our relations with Turkey will remain friendly. 'We do not desire Adriatic.'"

INVADERS PRESSED BACKWARD AND ARE KEPT ON DEFENSIVE

Artillery Roars From Sea to Lys,
Bayonets Meet in Champagne
and Argonne, German Positions
Taken at Perthes
les Hurlus.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official statement as follows: "Between the sea and the Lys, during the day of December 21 there was nothing other than artillery engagements. Between the Lys and the Aisne we repulsed a German attacking column, which was endeavoring to come out from Carency, and we took several houses at Blangy."

"An attack of the enemy on Mametz and the nearby trenches made it impossible for our troops to make material progress in this direction. In the region of Lihons three attacks of the enemy were repulsed."

"We made slight gains to the east and to the west of Tracey le Val, and our artillery did efficacious fire on the plateau of Nouveron."

"In the sections of the Aisne and of Reims there were artillery engagements."

Take All Trenches Near Mont Calvaire.

"In Champagne and in the Argonne, in the vicinity of Souain, there have been violent bayonet engagements. We have not made perceptible progress in this section. We have occupied in the suburbs of Perthes les Hurlus, three German positions, representing a front of entrenchments 1500 yards long. To the northeast of Beaus Ejour we have consolidated the positions occupied by us December 20, and we have occupied all the trenches in the immediate vicinity of Mont Calvaire."

"In the forest of La Grurie, our progress continues. At St. Hubert we repulsed an attack in the forest of Bolants. Here certain ground has been lost, but we recaptured two-thirds of it."

Further Progress Between Argonne and Meuse.

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse there has been slight progress. In the suburbs of Vauquois to the north of the forest of Malancourt, our troops were successful in making their way through a barbed wire entanglement in taking possession of certain trenches of the enemy where they maintained themselves."

"On the right bank of the Meuse, in the forest of Consenvoye, we first lost and then reconquered after a lively fight, the territory gained by us December 20."

"From the heights of the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report."

RETREATING GERMANS SPREAD EAST AND WEST

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The heavy German column which has been driven across the east Prussian frontier from Mlawka, Russian Poland, by the Russians is spreading out to the east and west, according to reports received here from the front. The purpose of the German movement is to debouch to the right of the entrenched Mazur lake position, and to reinforce the troops in the vicinity of Thorn, for protection against the continued Russian advance on the Thorn-Allenstein-Insterburg railroad, which is the main strategic line paralleling the North Poland frontier.

The Russian successes here not only threaten the right of the German Mazur Lake position, but also threaten the left wing of the army operating before Warsaw.

BRITAIN WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT DISMANTLED SHIP

Washington, Dec. 22.—A note of inquiry has been addressed to the state department by the British government, in regard to the charges which that government alleges Col. Goethals has admitted were baseless, against the conduct of certain British colliers in the waters of the Panama Canal zone. The communication implied that the British ship captains were harshly treated.

So far Secretary Daniels has been unable to learn just what led to the recent dismantling of the radio apparatus of a British collier at Panama, even the name of the ship being unknown. He has ordered a full report which will be laid before the state department as a basis for its answer to the British note.

PROPOSED THAT JAPAN SEND ARMY TO EUROPE

Paris, Dec. 22.—Gabriel Hanotaux, former foreign minister, expresses in the Figaro today what appears to be the prevailing view in France concerning the proposal that Japan send an army to the battlefields of Europe. M. Hanotaux takes the view that even though Japan should send no more than 250,000 men, a force which would hardly be large enough to exert a decisive influence, she would always consider in the event of a victory for the allies, that she had played an important part in settling the war.

Although M. Hanotaux makes no allusion to the United States, it may be stated that the Americans' viewpoint has been taken into consideration by the government.

MEMBER OF REICHSTAG FIGHTING FOR FRANCE

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—A Berlin dispatch published in the Telegraf confirms the report that Dr. Georges Weill, the Socialist member of the Reichstag for Metz, who was with Jean Leon Jaures, the French Socialist leader, when the latter was shot in Paris, volunteered for service in the French army August 5 last. Dr. Weill's disappearance from Germany has caused some comment.

The Vorwarts, the organ of the German Socialists, strongly condemns the action of Dr. Weill.

HAMMOND WINS CASE AT COURT OF APPEAL

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—The court of appeals this morning quashed the judgment of Judge Lampman in Victoria in the case of Rex vs. Hammond, insurance agent, sentenced to twelve months for theft.

We Are Prompt, Careful, and Use Only the Best in Our Work.

She'd Just Love to Have This

2 Bottles of Pinaud's Perfume
1 Cake of Pinaud's Soap
1 Box Pinaud's Powder

\$5.00

Carefully packed and ready for mailing.

Campbell's Drug Store

Corner Fort and Douglas Sts.

Phone 135

This Is the Last Chance To Buy the Choicest Bon-Bons

English Mixed Candies, per 4-lb. box.....\$1.20
Home-Made Mince Meat, per lb.....25c
Fancy Table Raisins, 35c and.....15c
Lily White Corn Syrup, 5-lb. tins.....35c
2-lb. tins.....15c

WINDSOR GROCERY COMPANY

Opposite Post Office Government Street

XMAS GIFTS

Our Reputation is as High, and Our Prices as Low, as Any in Town

714 Yates St. REDFERN & SON Established 1862

LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

GERMANS FORCED TO WITHDRAW NEAR MLAWA

Russia Drives the Enemy Back Over Border Into East Prussia

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The official statement issued to-day by the Russian general headquarters says: "In the region of Mlawka (Northern Poland) the Germans have fallen back toward the line of Lautenburg-Niedenburg (across the frontier into East Prussia)."

"On the left bank of the Vistula there is no incident of importance to report."

"In Galicia, the Austrian offensive is being greatly hindered by our troops, and the operations in this region have taken on a character extremely favorable to us."

"One of the Austrian divisions which was operating in the vicinity of Dukla Pass was easily defeated by a bayonet charge, made by our troops."

"The enemy left on the battlefield 300 killed, and we captured 10 officers and more than 1,000 soldiers."

"The attempts of the Przemysl garrison to break through the Blouva line have been definitely repulsed. The garrison was forced back into the line of fortifications with heavy losses."

"The end virtually came," he says, "with the Serbian capture of the Torlak position dominating Belgrade, on the evening of December 14. The first Serbian patrol entered the city on the 15th, followed by King Peter, while fighting was still proceeding near the bridge."

"When the Serbian guns smashed the bridge a great number of the Austrians were still on the Belgrade side and surrendered. Thus the Serbians obtained 10,000 prisoners, eight cannon, 1,000 horses and 150 cannon."

Phoenix Beer, doz. p's, 75c.

SWEDEN DECLINED TO AID GERMANY IN WAR

Then Was Told That Russia Would Be Given Country After Losing Poland

London, Dec. 22.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Copenhagen says he learns from a high diplomatic source that Germany proposed that Sweden should help in the war, offering as compensation the Baltic islands and a protectorate over Finland.

"As Sweden did not desire to reply," the correspondent adds, "Germany intimated that if Sweden refused the offer, Germany, at the peace conference after the war, would let Russia take Sweden as compensation for Poland."

This threat was similarly ignored, and then Germany began to irritate Sweden by stopping her wood export.

"These were incidents leading up to the conference."

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The recent conference at Malmoe, Sweden, of the Scandinavian kings and a visit which King Gustave is reported to have made to Berlin previously, constitute a subject of much interest in Russia, in view of the suggestion of a Scandinavian union.

It is recalled that Prussia, toward Sweden, went to Sweden on a semi-official German mission at which time he proposed such a Scandinavian union, similar to the German Empire, in which Sweden would occupy a position analogous to Prussia in Germany.

promising, it is said, that if such a union were realized Germany would contribute Finland, Livonia and part of Courland.

This circum-Baltic union of 25,000,000 people would, according to the alleged German view, become an important European power, while the Scandinavian countries separately, despite their high culture and industrial development, would be politically insignificant.

A Russian diplomat, discussing this plan, said to-day: "Excluding our provinces which Germany will be able to offer the union, Russia favors such a Scandinavian union, although apparently Germany is inspired in accordance with her aim to create several buffer states between herself and Russia."

"A strong united Scandinavia would weaken German influence on the Baltic."

"We do not believe that Sweden wants our province, or that the Finlanders, Estonians or Letts desire to join the Scandinavian union. Therefore, the German figures of 25,000,000 would be decreased to 12,500,000, which is the present population of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, adding perhaps Schleswig-Holstein which Germany, if defeated, would probably be forced to return to Denmark. The immediate aim of the union would be to fortify neutral neutrality."

NEXT PARLIAMENT IS ONLY FOR WAR MONEY

Probably Amount to Be Found is \$100,000,000; Contingents Costing \$250,000 Daily.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—It is stated definitely that the forthcoming session of parliament will be essentially a war session. Only matters relating to the war will be introduced by the government.

The chief legislation will be, of course, the authorization of a second war loan. The first loan which was authorized at the emergency session of parliament last August, was for \$50,000,000; the second, it is expected, will be for \$100,000,000, although there might be increased largely if there is any expectation that a great length of time would elapse before the summoning again of parliament.

The war is costing the country at present about \$550,000 per day, or about \$100,000,000 per annum. The cost will increase considerably as more troops are recruited and sent to Europe. Ammunition alone will be a tremendous item.

GERMANS ARE REPAIRING RAILWAYS AND BRIDGES

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—The Telegraph learned from Berlin that the Germans have restored the railways from Charleville, in the department of the Ardennes, opposite Metz, to Rheims and from Hivron, in the Aisne, to Montmedy, in the department of the Meuse, twenty-five miles north of Verdun, which the French destroyed when retreating early in the war. The railways to Givet, in the department of Ardennes, on the Belgian border, according to the same dispatch, will be opened shortly, while the bridges over the Meuse near Lumes, Givet and Donchery, all southeast of Metz, are again opened.

Blocked tunnels near Montmedy and Mohon, the last named point just south of Metz, also have been put into condition to be utilized.

This dispatch indicates that, in spite of the war operations, the Germans are busy restoring lines of communication in the territory of Northern France occupied by them, which lines were destroyed by the French when they retreated from the Belgian frontier early in the war.

GIVES WOUNDED AID.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Ira Nelson Morris, wife of the American minister to Sweden, has sent to the front hospital equipment for the care of sixty patients, and has organized a relief committee working in co-operation with the Swedish Red Cross.

PRISONERS FIND LIFE SLOW WHILE ON SHIPS

Eight Hundred Confined on Each of Three Vessels Anchored at South End

South End, Eng., Dec. 12.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—German prisoners who were interned at the race track at Newbury, concerning which so many complaints were made in German papers, have been moved to other places, many of them being placed on three British prison ships which are now docked here.

Baron Louis Anton von Horst, whose citizenship has been much in question since the opening of the war, is among the prominent men held on the Prince Edward, a ship formerly in service between Bristol and Canadian ports.

Baron von Horst is well known in California, where he has lived and has many relatives. His attorneys say he is really an American, as his father was naturalized in the United States and consequently the present baron, who was then under age, automatically became an American citizen. However, Baron von Horst accepted a baronetcy from the Duchy of Saxe-Coburg, and it is believed he has surrendered his American citizenship in doing so.

At least, he registered in London at the opening of the war as an alien enemy. His case, under representation from the American embassy, is under consideration.

Each of the three prison ships here has about 800 Germans on board. Sanitary conditions are excellent aboard the ships and it is not unlikely that more vessels will be added to the prison fleet, as this means of caring for Germans is especially satisfactory.

The prisoners on the ships live much as passengers would on an ordinary sea voyage, except that their belongings are carefully searched and military discipline is enforced.

At Queen's Ferry, in Wales, an unused iron works has been taken over for the use of prisoners, and several hundred men are quartered in the building, which affords an admirable shelter. The establishment overlooks the sea and is surrounded by several acres of land, enclosed in a high board fence on three sides. The prisoners have a large ground for football and other sports.

Lack of employment is the great problem in all the prisons. Bad weather makes sports on land impossible, and the soldiers are unable to amuse themselves satisfactorily in their cramped quarters. In many of the camps they have learned to knit and busy themselves making socks and neck scarfs.

MUCH IDLE MONEY FOR WAR LOAN INVESTMENT

Seventy Million Pounds Sterling Taken Off Market Without Disturbing Rates.

London, Dec. 12.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The money market has been much interested this week in speculating as to how much money would be paid up on the war loan and awaited the bank return to get some idea regarding the amount. Exact figures are not available, but deductions from the bank returns show that about \$70,000,000 was paid up, including \$6,500,000 application money.

That this huge amount was taken off the market without disturbing rates shows the quantity of money lying idle.

New capital seekers appear to be recovering from the war nerves, and to be taking advantage of the present plentiful money supplies to float several small issues which have been hung up since the war.

As each stock exchange settlement concludes, the amount of stock taken up by clients is said to be gradually on the increase when reduced. There appears to be quite a good demand for gilt-edged stocks from the provinces at the minimum level fixed by the committee.

LAST CASUALTY LIST

London, Dec. 22.—The following is an official casualty list issued last night.

Reported killed: Bosanquet, Second Lieut. S. C., Middlesex regiment. Died of wounds—Viney, Capt., P. E. Leicestershire regiment.

Unofficially reported killed: Steele, Lieut. F. W. A., Royal Fusiliers. Wounded: Becker, Second Lieut. H. C., Royal Scots; Loder, Second Lieut. T. L., Cameronians; Trenchard, Lieut. F. A., Royal Field Artillery.

SWEAR IN MEMBERS OF NEW ONTARIO CABINET

Toronto, Dec. 22.—It was stated last night that the expected reorganization of the Ontario cabinet will be made effective at once when T. W. McGarry, member for Renfrew and T. Howard Ferguson, of Grenville, will be sworn in as members of the government to-day.

Hon. J. J. Foy, has resigned his portfolio as attorney-general, and his place will be taken by Hon. W. J. Hanna. Hon. I. B. Lucas will become provincial secretary. Mr. Ferguson is to take the provincial treasury portfolio and Mr. McGarry the portfolio of lands, forests and mines.

No changes will be made in the other departments. Hon. Mr. Foy will retire into private life.

Not Only at Christmas—but a home all the year round. Outside rooms \$2.50 per week at the Blanshard Inn, next Public Library.

Our Xmas Hamper values cannot be equalled anywhere. Order yours to-day.

H. B. Xmas Hamper No. 1

1 Bottle H. B. Fine Old Highland Scotch Whisky\$1.00
1 Bottle H. B. Old Special Rye50c
1 Bottle H. B. Fine Cognac *** Brandy1.00
1 Bottle H. B. White Label Rum1.00
1 Bottle H. B. London Dry Gin1.00
1 Bottle H. B. Old Cardinal Port1.00
5 Pieces50c

Price \$5.00

F. O. B. Victoria.

With this Hamper a \$1.50 Box of 25 Domestic Cigars for \$1.00. Special Xmas Hampers made up to your requirements. Ask for Price List.

THE HUDSON'S BAY CO.

Family Wine and Spirit Merchants. Incorporated 1879

Open till 10 p.m. 1212 Douglas St. Phone 4252. We deliver.

PHONES:
Office and 4359
Showrooms 4361
Wharf 435

612 PANDORA
(Near Government
St. S.E.)

EVANS COLEMAN & EVANS

Builders' Materials.

FIRE-PLACE GOODS

BRASS COPPER IRON
FENDERS AND IRONS, COAL VASES, TONGS, ETC.
Special 20 per cent. Discount for Xmas Sale.
Call at Pandora Ave., Showrooms and Inspect Our Stock.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Is there a wife in any home in Victoria without an Electric Iron? If so, make her happy this Christmas by giving her one of our beautiful latest model Electric Irons—one which will give many years of good, useful service.

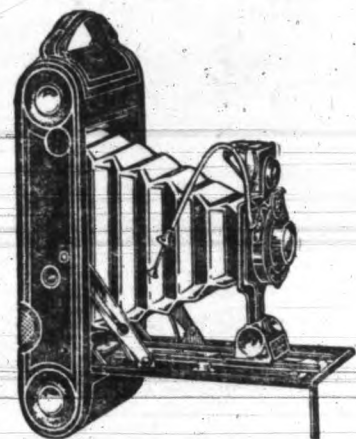
\$3.00 Complete in Holly-wrapped Box.

B.C. Electric

Light and Power Department

Fort and Langley Streets. Telephone 123

MADE IN CANADA



Happy is the Boy or Girl who Finds a KODAK in the Stocking Christmas Morning.

The latest Kodak catalogue free at your dealer's or by mail.

CANADIAN KODAK CO., LTD. TORONTO, CAN.

REMEMBER

The Only Coal We Sell is

Wellington Coal

Also bear in mind that one ton of our Wellington Coal will outlast one and a half tons of foreign Coal. This has been proved by actual test.

J. E. PAINTER & SON

Phone 536 617 Cormorant Street

AT ANY TIME During the Day YOU CAN SAVE MONEY AT COPAS & YOUNG'S

All Our Groceries Are A No. 1 Quality

CHRISTMAS TREE CANDLES	10c	ROBIN HOOD FLOUR	\$1 75
Box of 3 dozen		Per sack	
CHRISTMAS BON BONS	20c	CADBURY'S MIXED CHOCO-	25c
Per box, from \$1.00 to.....		LATES. Per box, 50c and.....	
CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS	5c	NEW DATES, Anchor brand.	10c
Each, from \$1.00 to.....		Per packet	
XMAS PUDDINGS, Wagstaff's; very nice;		NEW DATES, Dromedary brand;	25c
2-lb. bowl 65c,	90c	2 packets for	
3-lb. bowl		FINE CALIFORNIA TABLE	15c
XMAS PUDDINGS, Clark's	15c	RAISINS. Per lb. box.	
Per tin, 25c and.....		FINEST NEW MALAGA TABLE	25c
SMALL ENGLISH MIXED BIS-	15c	RAISINS. Per lb., 45c, 35c,	
CUITS. Per lb.		FINE NEW TABLE FIGS	15c
ROBERTSON'S CREAM CANDY	15c	10-lb. box \$1.25, per lb.	
Per lb.		FINE NEW TABLE FIGS	10c
CHOCOLATE CREAMS, all kinds.	25c	12-oz. glove box	
Per lb., 35c and.....		EXTRA LARGE TABLE FIGS	20c
B. C. GRANULATED SUGAR	\$1.35	Per pound	
20-pound sack		NEW MANCHURIAN WALNUTS	15c
PRIME ONTARIO CHEESE	20c	Per pound	
Per pound		NEW MIXED NUTS	20c
ANTI-COMBINE or BLUE RIB-	\$1.00	Filbert, Brazil and Walnuts, lb.	
BON TEA, 3 lbs. for.....		FANCY SHELLLED ALMONDS	50c
FINEST JAPAN RICE, SAGO OR	25c	Per pound	
TAPIOCA, 4 lbs. for.....		CHRISTIE'S FRUIT CAKES	35c
SWIFT'S SELECTED PICNIC	15c	Each, 65c and.....	
HAM. Per pound		PRESERVED GINGER.	25c
NICE MILD CURED HAM	20c	Per jar, 50c and.....	
Per pound		FANCY JAPANESE ORANGES.	35c
		Per box	

We Sell Everything at the Lowest Possible Price. No Specials or Bait

COPAS & YOUNG

ANTI-COMBINE GROCERS
Corner Fort and Broad Streets.

Phones 94 and 95.

Phones 94 and 95

The Gift Ideal

If it is in a Box From Little & Taylor's It is Sure to Be Known as the "Gift Ideal"

Regardless of the amount you wish to spend you will find here something that will be sure to delight the recipient, and every article purchased is positively of the highest quality and the best to be had for the amount you wish to spend.

We manufacture much of our stock, which assures you an individuality and distinctiveness not to be found in the ordinary jewellery store.

CUT OUT THE MIDDLEMAN'S PROFIT BY BUYING DIRECT FROM THE MANUFACTURER

For Her

DIAMOND JEWELLERY
RINGS
LAVALLIERE
BRACELET WATCH
SILVERWARE
VANITY CASE

For Him

WATCH
CHAIN
SCARF PIN
CUFF BUTTONS

And hundreds of other articles too numerous to mention here. Come in and spend a pleasant hour viewing the many new things in our stock.

LITTLE & TAYLOR

Watchmakers—Jewellers—Opticians.

611 Fort St

Piano Snaps For Xmas Gifts

Nice, Little-Used English Piano for **\$135**

Made by Chappell & Co., of London. \$35 Cash and \$10 a Month

COME AND SEE THIS BIG SNAP TO DAY

A Large Upright Piano, Splendid Tone, for **\$275**

Plain Colonial Design. \$10 Per Month

Price on both instruments includes stool and free delivery.

OPEN EVENINGS

GIDEON HICKS

Opposite Postoffice

PIANO CO.

Phone 1241

Every Housewife Satisfied—

With the splendid quality and low prices that prevail at the Cut-Rate Grocery. Don't forget the man who gave you cheaper living—you owe him your patronage. Give it to him. Note these prices.

- New Walnuts, per lb. **15c**
- New Filberts, per lb. **20c**
- New Brazil Nuts, per lb. **20c**
- Mixed Nuts, per lb. **20c**
- Japanese Oranges, per box, **35c**
- Navel Oranges, per dozen, **25c**
- Mixed Peel, per lb. **20c**
- Mince Meat, per lb. **15c** to **25c**
- New Figs, Dates, Candy, Xmas Stockings, Bon-Bons.
- Honey, per pint jar **25c**
- Molasses, per pint jar **10c**
- Peanut Butter, per pint jar, **30c**
- Syrup, per pint jar **15c**
- Jar, 10c, refunded on return of same
- Molasses Snaps, per lb. **8c**
- English Mixed Biscuits, lb. **15c**
- English Mixed Biscuits, per package, 25c to **50c**
- English Biscuits, 2-lb. tins, large assortment **50c**
- Cigars—put up in 25 and 50 to box at a very special price.
- Table Jellies, 4 for **25c**
- Lipton's Jellies, 3 for **25c**
- Toilet Soap in Fancy Boxes, suitable for Xmas presents, 15c to **50c**
- Toilet Soap, large boxes, put up especially for Xmas presents, per box **\$2.25**
- Bread, per loaf **5c**
- Chicken (Clark's), regular 25c tin **15c**
- Corn, Country Gentleman, two for **25c**
- Table Raisins, per box, **30c**

IF YOU WANT QUALITY GROCERIES AT LOW PRICES TRY

Small Blair

Douglas and King's. Phone 5405
View and Douglas. Phone 1496

TAYLOR MAY RUN AS MAYORAL CANDIDATE

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—An order of Chief Justice Hunter made yesterday has cleared the cloud on L. D. Taylor's qualifications, and enabled the mayoral candidate to secure the necessary certificate of non-occurrence, which previously had been held up by the land registry officials.

WEEK OF BATTLE GOES AGAINST GERMAN ARMY

All the Enemy's Attacks From December 7 to 15 Are Repulsed by Allies

Paris, Dec. 21.—The French war office tonight made public a report of an eyewitness of events along the battle-line from December 7 to December 15. It says:

"During the period from the 7th to the 15th of December the ascendancy gained by our infantry has placed us in a position to make, in various sections of the front, progress which seems to have disturbed the enemy."

"The German infantry is more cautious and continuous sniping by them denotes a certain amount of nervousness. The fact that they are using searchlights and lighting rockets more and more reveals their fear of attacks."

"After the expensive and useless experiments of last month, our adversaries seem almost everywhere to be reduced to defensive measures, and it is we who, on the whole of the front, have assumed the offensive."

"Also in the artillery duels our batteries are showing more and more their superiority."

"Between the sea and the Lys river, the enemy, who from the 7th to the 9th instant had contented themselves with bombarding our lines, and particularly the city of Ypres, on the 10th instant directed to the south of that city three infantry attacks against our trenches."

"The first two of these attacks were repulsed. The third reached our first line of trenches, but on the following night we regained this position. On the 12th the enemy made another attack, which also was repulsed."

"On the 14th our infantry took the offensive in spite of the exceedingly muddy condition of the field, and succeeded in capturing a German trench several hundred metres in length. Our infantry here held their ground against fierce counter-attacks by the enemy."

"The next day, with the co-operation of the Belgian troops, we succeeded in saluting forth from Nieuport and taking a position on the western outskirts of the villages of Lombartzyde and Saint Georges."

"During all these engagements the German artillery gave their infantry very poor assistance."

"Between the Lys and the Oise our progress has not been less marked. The taking of the Chateau-Vermelles, of which mention was made in our last weekly statement, permitted us to proceed by sapping toward the village of Vermelles."

"On the 7th Vermelles, as well as the village of Rutoire, fell into our hands. We discovered that the houses were mined. The explosives were in place, but the engineers had not time to fire them, as the streets were found a number of bodies and a large quantity of war materials which had been abandoned."

"The occupation of Vermelles by our troops has forced the enemy to fall back three kilometres (about two miles)."

"The same day we captured some trenches to the south of Carency, and we made in the region of Quenoy advances averaging from 350 to 500 metres (a metre is about three feet). Our skirmishers advanced as far as the wire entanglements of the enemy and succeeded under a constant fire in gaining a foothold."

"On the 8th some fierce engagements occurred on the road from Lille to the north of Rollcourt around a barricade, which eventually remained in our hands."

"On the 9th in front of Parvillers and Pouscourt we made fresh progress. In this section we are only 100 metres (about 300 feet) from the German trenches."

"In front of Andechy we have made progress averaging from 30 to 600 metres."

"On the 11th, to the east of the road to Lille, we blew up by a mine a German sapping tunnel. Our zouaves and sappers were quick in springing into the excavation made by the explosion. Under their fire the Germans, with machine-bombs."

"The same day, near Lihons, one of our mines was detonated and blew up and destroyed a German counter-mine. The enemy's sappers were thrown into the air in the midst of a cloud of smoke."

"The Germans manifested their energy only by two attacks, one on the 11th, in the region of Pouscourt, and the other near Ouliers. But attacks were easily repulsed."

"The German artillery, which on the 14th bombarded Mareville, succeeded only in causing some material damage. On the other hand, our batteries proved their superiority. On the 11th they smashed the trenches and scattered the enemy's works, and also threw shells among detachments of troops in the rear of the trenches."

"On the 14th some automobiles which had assembled on the road to La Bassée were compelled to flee before our shells."

"In spite of the cold and the rain, which makes dogs of the trenches, the health and the morale of our troops remain perfect. They show ingenuity in remedying the dampness of the trenches by various systems of interlocking limbs of trees, like wickerwork, and using corrugated sheet iron roofing the doors of houses and planks and other timbers."

"German prisoners declared themselves impressed by the good spirits of the French troops, which, he said, contrasted with the weariness of his comrades. Our troops, well fed and warmly clad, are full of confidence."

"On the 12th a German soldier came towards our trenches holding in one hand some cigars and in the other a proclamation announcing several Russian defeats. He had no time to make negotiations, a well-aimed bullet brought his attempt to an end."

"Between the Oise and the Argonne, from the 7th to the 16th, there was an artillery duel all along the front almost every day. There was no intervention by the infantry except on the

Angus Campbell & Co., Ltd.—"The Fashion Centre"—1008-10 Government St.

ONLY 3 SHOPPING DAYS TO XMAS

Tuesday and Wednesday, then Xmas Eve—how time flies, and is indeed limited to complete your Xmas purchases, and at "Campbell's" there are so many useful gifts at small prices.

HOSIERY

- Ladies' Black Llama Hose, English manufacture, splendid quality. Per pair **50c**
- Ladies' Black Wool Cashmere Hose, strong heels, toes and karter tops. Per pair **35c**
- Or 3 pairs for **\$1.00**
- Ladies' Best Quality Cashmere or Llama Hose, all sizes, including out sizes. Per pair, 75c and **65c**
- Ladies' Holeproof Guaranteed Silk Hose, black, white, tan, navy, grey. Three pairs in fancy box, \$3.00, or, pair **\$1.00**
- Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, in black, white or tan. \$3.25, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50 and **\$1.25**
- Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, in 20 different colors. Per pair **\$1.50**
- Ladies' Shot Two-Tone Silk Hose, black with white, red, blue or emerald. Per pair **\$1.50**
- Ladies' Novelty Clock Silk Hose, in pretty colors. Per pair only **\$2.25**
- Children's Silk Hose, black, white, tan, sky or pink. Per pair, 50c to **\$1.00**

Prices According to Size

Boys' and Girls' Strong Wool and Worsted Stockings, all sizes. Prices, according to sizes, 25c to **60c**

NEW HAIR ORNAMENTS



- Tulle Hair Band, trimmed pearls. Price only **\$2.90**
- Tulle Hair Band, trimmed sequins. Price **\$2.75**
- Pearl and Rhine Stone Bands, with imitation opreys and feather mounts, from **\$1.75** to **\$2.50**, \$2.75, \$3.50, \$4.75, up to **\$7.50**
- Hair Mounts, in mauve, light blue, pink, purple, emerald, silver and gold colored sequin, with spun-glass, imitation opreys and feather mounts, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.50 and **\$2.75**
- Hair Mounts in black with silver and gold sequins. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and **\$2.25**
- Fancy Jeweled Hair Pins, from 90c each to each **\$9.00**
- Fancy Back Combs from **\$1.00** up to **\$7.50**

GLOVES

- Ladies' Dent's Celebrated Real English Dogskin Gloves, in rich tans.
- Ladies' Real English Nappa Gloves, for tailor-made wear; tans and brown.
- Ladies' Real Kid Gloves, of Chas. Perrin's manufacture, in black, white, tan, grey, navy and brown. All sizes in any of these Gloves. Per pair **\$1.00**
- Perrin's Best French Kid Gloves, in black, white and all colors. Per pair **\$1.25**
- Trefousse or Maggione Extra Fine Kid Gloves, black, white and all colors. Per pair **\$1.50**
- Dent's Superior Real Cape Gloves, red or self stitching. Per pair **\$1.50**
- Dent's Best Grade or Real Mocha Gloves, soft as velvet; brown or dark grey. Per pair **\$1.50**
- Real Mocha Gloves, with fine silk linings; browns and dark greys. \$2.25 and **\$1.75**
- Dent's Natural Chamois Washing Gloves, with one pearl dome. Per pair **\$1.25**
- Wool-Lined Kid Gloves, in rich tans; seamless lining. Per pair **\$1.50**
- Jouvin Finest French Suede Gloves, black, tan, white and grey. Per pair **\$1.50**
- White French Evening Gloves, kid, 16-button length. Special, per pair, regular \$2.25, for **\$1.75**
- White French Evening Gloves, kid, best quality, 16-button length. Per pair **\$3.25**
- White French Evening Gloves, kid, best quality, 12-button length. Per pair **\$2.50**
- White French Evening Gloves, kid, best quality, 20-button length. Per pair **\$4.25**
- Evening Kid Gloves, in pink, sky, champagne; 16-button length. Per pair **\$3.25**
- Black Kid Gloves, 20-button length, \$4.25; 16-button length, \$3.25; 12-button length **\$2.50**
- Silk Gloves, in white and all shades; 16-button length. Per pair **\$1.25**
- Silk Gloves, in white and all shades; 20-button length. Per pair **\$1.75**

GLOVE SCRIP ISSUED TO ANY AMOUNT

MANY BARGAINS IN SUITS AND COATS

Campbell's

1008-10 GOVERNMENT STREET—PHONE 104

EVENING, DINNER GOWNS AND OPERA CLOAKS

CHILDREN'S GLOVES

- Dent's Real Dogskin Gloves, 00, 0, 1 and up to 6. Prices, 75c, 90c and **\$1.25**
- Perrin's Kid Gloves for girls. Sizes, 5 1/4 to 6 1/4. Price, **\$1.25**
- Children's Wool-Lined Kid Gloves. Sizes 00, 0, 1 and up to 6. Prices, \$1.00 and **\$1.25**
- Children's White Dogskin Gloves, washable. Sizes 00 up to 4. Price **90c**
- Children's Knitted Wool Gloves, all colors, all sizes. Per pair **25c**
- Children's Long Silk Party Gloves, white only; sizes 1 to 6. Per pair **65c**

BLACK MOIRE SILK BAGS

- From \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.75, \$5.00, \$6.25, \$7.50, \$9.75, \$11.50, 12.75, fitted with mirror, change purse, powder box. Purple, brown and black velvet, with cut steel designs. Price only **\$1.50**
- Novelty Leather Bags and Purses in all new colors and black; a large variety of newest shapes. Prices, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.75, and all prices up to **\$15.00**



HANDKERCHIEFS

- Ladies' Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched. Three for 25c; each **10c**
- Ladies' Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched. Three for 50c; each **20c**
- Ladies' Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, extra fine quality. Per dozen, \$2.75; each **25c**
- Ladies' Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, very sheer and dainty. Per dozen, \$2.75; each **25c**
- Ladies' Best Quality Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, narrow and wide, hemstitched. Three for \$1.00; each **35c**
- Fine White Lawn Handkerchiefs, hemstitched borders. Per dozen, 50c; each **5c**
- Fine White Cross-Bar Lawn Handkerchiefs, hemstitched borders. Three for 25c; each **10c**
- Dainty Lace-Edged Handkerchiefs. At each, 25c, 20c, 15c and **10c**
- Real Armenian Lace-Edged Handkerchiefs, very narrow edgings, 75c, 50c and **35c**
- Better quality, with drawn thread and Armenian lace edge, \$1.75, \$1.25 and **90c**
- Dainty Embroidered Lawn Handkerchiefs, dozens of pretty designs. Three for 25c; each **10c**
- Many Neatly Embroidered Handkerchiefs, fine Irish lawn. Two for 25c; each **15c**
- Pure Linen, Hand-Embroidered Handkerchiefs, scores of lovely patterns, at each **25c**
- Better Embroidered Handkerchiefs, of finest Irish linen, \$1.25, 75c, 50c and **35c**
- Special Embroidered Rose, Shamrock and Thistle Design, Irish linen, at each **35c**

INITIALED HANDKERCHIEFS

- The "Cloister," finest sheer linen, with hand-embroidered scroll and initial. **25c**
- Pure, Fine, but Heavy Linen Handkerchiefs, hand-embroidered dainty wreath and initial. **25c**
- Dainty Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs, novelty effects, fast colors. Three for 25c; each **10c**
- Children's Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs. Three for 25c; each **10c**
- Children's Pretty Printed Handkerchiefs, hemstitched. Six for 25c; each **5c**
- Ladies' Real Bucks Lace-Edged Handkerchiefs. Each, \$2.25, \$1.75, \$1.50 and **\$1.25**
- Ladies' Real Duchess Lace Handkerchiefs, also Rosepointe and others. From \$2.75 to **\$15.00**

Any Purchase of Handkerchiefs Put Into Pretty Fancy Boxes

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- Dressing Gown
- Dressing Jacket
- Evening Gown
- House Dress
- Sweater or Sweater Set
- Maternity Gown
- Hosiery
- Bathrobe
- Plain Tailored or Novelty Suit
- Opera Cloak
- Silk Underskirt
- Rinking Cap
- Children's Gloves

CHEQUES FOR \$10,000 STOLEN FROM LINDEN

Bellevue, Wash., Dec. 21.—Ten thousand dollars worth of Linden Cream Company cheques, issued on the Linden State Bank and signed by M. H. Jackman, treasurer of the creamery company, were stolen from Mr. Jackman's automobile as it stood in front of the Linden Methodist church on Sunday. The cheques were all ready for

mailing to various farmers who had sold milk to the creamery and can readily be forged and cashed, as they are considered as good as currency. Warning has been sent to various banks on Puget Sound to ignore the cheques but it is feared merchants will lose by taking them in trade.

You Pay No Car Fare when you live in one of the rooms, \$2.50 per week at Blanshard Inn, next Public Library.

light of 7-8, during a German attack on Tracy-le-Val, which was easily repulsed. "The German artillery is being trained upon cities and villages. On the 7th, the Germans bombarded Solems, and from the 10th to the 15th, Tracy-le-Val. On the 10th the outskirts of Rheims were bombarded. On the 12th the city itself was shelled, and on the 14th the Germans turned their guns on the village of Group. "Our artillery replied always, and often with success. On the 7th it scat-

tered some German detachments, and on the 9th it smashed a machine gun dugout and observatory, and on the 10th destroyed a battery. On the 11th it silenced some machine guns. Our 75-millimetre guns the same day caused a cessation of the fire of the German 77-millimetre guns. "On the 13th our shells wrecked some German trenches, and on the 14th we again silenced the German 77-millimetre guns."

Phoenix Stout, dozen pints, 75c.



THE DAILY TIMES

Published daily (except Sunday) by
THE TIMES PRINTING & PUBLISHING COMPANY, LIMITED

Office: Corner Broad and Fort Streets
Business Office: Phone 1000
Editorial Office: Phone 40

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

City delivery: 50c per month
By mail (exclusive of city): Canada
and Great Britain: \$3.50 per annum
U. S. A.: \$4.00 per annum

COPY FOR ADVERTISEMENTS

All copy for display advertisements
must be at Times Office before 5 p. m. of
the day previous to the day of insertion.
This is imperative. When this rule is not
complied with we do not guarantee in-
sertion.

THE WAR.

The German army which attempted
a southern movement to Warsaw from
Soldau in East Prussia has been driven
back upon the Lautenburg-Neidenburg
line, across the frontier. This clears
the Russian right in Poland from any
menace from that quarter and gives
the Czar's forces an opportunity to
conduct a turning movement of their
own. It is evident that the shortening
of the Russian front has enabled the
Grand Duke to dispose important rein-
forcements at different strategic points.
This is particularly the case in southern
Poland and western Galicia, where,
Vienna admits, Russia has enormously
increased her strength. Thus, while
the Russian line has been withdrawn a
little from the direction of Cracow it is
the intention of the Grand Duke to hold
such a position of vantage that in the
event of a German failure in northern
Poland he will be able to deliver a
prompt blow at Cracow and invade
Silesia from that quarter.

Very little progress is reported by
the French bulletin this afternoon.
With characteristic thoroughness, the
Germans in the west have made the
country behind them a network of
trenches, the capture of which must
necessarily be a very slow process.
Still, it is a long road that has no turn,
and if only two or three hundred yards
are covered at a time it would not be
more than a few weeks before the allies
would be upon German lines of com-
munication at various points.

CIVIC RETRENCHMENT.

In a broad sense the objects of the
civic retrenchment association will
meet with general concurrence, but
anyone at all familiar with the cir-
cumstances of our municipal finances
must regret exceedingly that the
moderating influence now so preva-
lent did not make itself felt a few
years ago. Then, even more than
now, was the time when the city
should have tightened the brakes, but
it would have been a bold man indeed
who dared to suggest the curtailment
of expenditures on municipal improve-
ments, especially on street extensions
and paving. The chief characteristic
of civic policy, spurred by a conside-
rable proportion of public sentiment
interested in land values, was rack-
less extravagance, entailing heavy
debt obligations for which we now
have to pay.

The city's expenditure is, roughly,
\$2,000,000 per annum. Over almost
one-half of this sum the council has
no more control than the man in the
moon. It includes the debt, obliga-
tions contracted during the years of
jubilee, when the only deputations
which interviewed the council relative
to financial administration were
those which urged even more ambi-
tious projects involving further in-
roads on the money-lenders. There
can be no retrenchment in these
items. The remainder of this figure
is made up of expenditures on the
school and police departments, also
outside the control of the council, al-
though it must find the money for
them. This is a most unsatisfactory
arrangement, the solution of which
lies with the legislature. Either the
school board expenditures should be
subject to the body which furnishes
the funds or the board should be an
entirely distinct corporation to which
ratepayers and associations could
carry their complaints when alarmed
at the growing extent of its expense
account.

This leaves, approximately, a mil-
lion to which the authorities may ap-
ply the pruning knife. Obviously, if
the council cuts the whole budget
outlay by twenty-five per cent., the
reduction borne by this million
must amount to about fifty per cent.,
or \$500,000. This might mean a star-
ving of some services with which it

would be suicidal to tinker too much.
There is a limit to the retrenchment
in sewer, fire and water charges
beyond which it would be
dangerous to go. An epidemic would
be more injurious to the city than
even a stiff reality assessment. We be-
lieve the present council is showing a
praiseworthy effort to keep civic ex-
penditures down to the barest
necessities of the place, but
it has been laboring under
the disadvantages of a crazy sys-
tem which it has no power to modify
and a legacy of debt for which it was
not responsible.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF MILI- TARISM

A few years ago Georges Bourdon,
the able editor of the Paris Figaro,
made an extensive visit to Germany
for the purpose of obtaining a first-
hand grasp of Germany's ideals and
aspirations as expounded by her lead-
ing men. He interviewed statesmen,
educationalists, journalists, financiers,
authors and soldiers, all of whom spoke
to him with the utmost frankness.
While their views naturally differed in
many details, upon one point they were
absolutely unanimous—the necessity of
militarism as the means through which
Germany should attain the position in
the world to which, they claimed, she
was entitled.

One member of the general staff, not
a Prussian but a Wurtembergian, put
it this way: "Germany cultivates mili-
tarism as an individual cultivates
hygiene. We think that of all the
services the army is the most magnifi-
cent. In villages, the young man
whom the conscription has passed over
is the object of his comrades' ridicule.
In the religious service of the churches
the army comes next to the emperor,
before the government and other insti-
tutions of the State. The child from
his birth is reared to reverence it. We
have an old saying that 'such and such
a country may possess an army, but
Germany is an army which possesses
the country.' It is to the army that
the German nation owes its greatest
patriotic transports, because as a people
the Germans are conscious of their
shortcomings and know they are
neither amiable nor pleasing, that they
have never owed their success to any-
thing but force, and thus the army is
in their eyes the constant, ever-present
and living monument of German
power."

Thus we get at the philosophy of
German militarism as the Germans
see it. The army which was born of
necessity in the days of Frederick, and
regenerated after Jena, has become the
essence of every German activity. Its
foremost champions—before this war—
denied that it was a weapon of of-
fense, but the philosophy of the cult
places the disclaimers out of court. If
it was the only instrument through
which Germany expected to gain what
she wanted, as the officer pointed out,
we can well understand why treaties,
arbitrations and peaceable conventions
were held to be inconvenient obstacles
to be disregarded at will.

How has that philosophy worked out?
The sequences have been deadly logical.
The treaty of Berlin was torn to pieces
by Austria at German instigation
under the protection of the army. The
neutrality of Luxemburg and Belgium
was violated because "Germans never
owed their success to anything but
force." The vilest outrages have been
perpetrated upon the hapless people of
Belgium. Bombs are dropped upon un-
fortified towns; mines are sown in the
open places, imperiling the lives of non-
combatants; German guns have fired
deliberately upon defenceless communi-
ties, killing women and children. In
fact, every law of humanity has been
violated as the logical outcome of that
militarism which every German child
is taught to reverence. But could any-
thing else be expected from the worship
of force so freely and clearly ex-
plained by the officer whose words we
have quoted? The system has nursed
the passions and hatreds of the dark
ages, upon which in turn it has fed.
How could the German people be
"amiable or pleasing" with their adora-
tion of force as the main instrument of
their civilization?

What has been the effect of this ex-
traordinary philosophy upon the world?
It converted Europe into an armed
camp. It has caused a competition in
armaments which, if continued, meant
either war or revolution in the various
countries involved. Every outlet from
the moribund atmosphere in which this
doctrine thrived was stained with
blood. How could it have had any
other result than what we see in Eu-
rope? How could anyone who prophe-
sied this struggle have gone astray? And this war must not
end until the worship of force is
destroyed in Germany and little
children are taught to reverence other
ideals than one which beneath an im-
posing panoply denotes brutality,
treachery and every other attribute of
inordinate savagery, and until her states-
men and thinkers realize that force is
no argument. It was to kill the armed
idea of Napoleonism that Great Britain
waged a twenty years' war and with a
similar set purpose she will fight an-
other two decades to procure a like
result in Germany. The true philosophy
of rampant militarism in a nut-shell is:
It creates war and war is hell

UNIVERSAL EMPLOYMENT.

A resolution adopted at an unem-
ployment gathering on Sunday evening
included a provision urging the legisla-
ture to pass legislation at the ap-
proaching session which shall establish
the principle that every citizen of either
sex out of work is entitled to be pro-
vided with useful, remunerative em-
ployment.

This is a large order, especially for
the legislature as it is constituted at
present. But were our legislature the
most benevolent, incorruptible and
efficient law-making body on earth, it
could not meet this particular demand
no matter how well disposed its inten-
tions might be. There always will be
unemployment as long as the present
social and economic fabric continues to
be what it is, and human nature itself
must be changed before there can be a
change in the system. Some of the
greediest slave-drivers in the world are
men who a few years ago were moving
resolutions aimed at the extermination
of capitalism. The legislature that is
able to establish the desirable principle
that everybody out of work is entitled
to remunerative, useful employment,
will be wearing wings, and there are no
signs of these appendages growing
upon the law-makers of this province.

RIDDER'S LITANY.

Our friend and the friend of the
Kaiser, Herman Ridder of New York,
to whom we have been obliged to de-
viate some attention since the war be-
gan, is singing a new song now. At
the beginning, and for three months
after, Ridder could see nothing but a
welter of blood, with his beloved
Fatherland emerging from the "mess
gory but triumphant, with Europe
groaning at its feet. Now he is sing-
ing in a minor key, chanting the beau-
tiful and the advantages of peace.
Listen to this:

"Previous to the war millions
of human beings in Europe
were marching shoulder to shoulder,
steadily and surely, along the road to
a better and a nobler day. Happiness,
like a cloth of gold, was being spun to
stretch from the North Sea to the
Mediterranean and from the Atlantic
to the crests of the Ural mountains.
The cause of freedom and of social
betterment was progressing, if not fast
enough to satisfy the most impatient
socialists, at least advancing within
the steady bounds of liberalism. Some
of us had, even perceived broad rifts
in the clouds of militarism and auto-
cratic feudalism that have blanketed
the international development of peace
and good will among men.

"How doomed to disappointment have
we been! The majority praying for
peace have been powerless in the hands
of the minority cursing us with
war."

"We have cast aside the burden of
mankind. For each step we have been
stumbling forward, each step won with
such infinite pains and sacrifice, we
are now hurrying backward at a pace
that numbs the heart. How we shall
have to fight to regain this lost
ground! Our sons and our sons' sons
will be forced to stagger under the
burden that a few in an insane mo-
ment have placed upon them all."

"Christmas is approaching, but the
carols of that sacred day will be
muffled with the ache of a million
broken hearts. The terror of it is with
us all the day and all the night. There
is a day of reckoning to come, when
the books will be balanced and then
God pity those whom humanity shall
hold responsible for this sacrifice."

"This new vision of the once-bellicose
but now benign Herman is indicative
that a glimmering of the truth is be-
ginning to penetrate the most obtuse
German mind. Herr Ridder realizes
that the Kaiser's invincible army has
shot its bolt. Within the space of
three months France is not crushed
and grovelling at the feet of a con-
queror, Russia is feeling her way for
a strangle hold, while Great Britain,
having taken all the outworks of the
German empire, is preparing to strike
a vital blow at its heart. That is the
reason why Herr Ridder is singing low
and sweet and, inspired from Berlin, is
suggesting that a war made in Ger-
many of deliberate purpose, should be
brought to an end ere dawn of the
day of reckoning. Mr. Ridder suggests
His Holiness the Pope as the peace
plenipotentiary most likely to bring
strife to an end in advance of the
time of extremity. But the time is not
ripe, Herman, and, as you plainly say,
"God pity those whom humanity shall
hold responsible for this sacrifice!"

All signs point to a provincial elec-
tion in the spring. Until then the elec-
tors must possess their souls in pa-
tience. Certainly they never will give
the present administration another
lease of life, no matter who is at the
head of it. Imagine the country
struggling for five years more under
that load!

Prince von Bulow has gone to Rome
for the purpose of keeping Italy from
jumping on Austria's back. As a side
line he will start peace overtures in the
hope that their successful outcome
would enable Germany to hold what
she has and prepare for a resumption
of hostilities under more favorable
conditions. He will fall in both ob-
jects. The day of his arrival was
characterized by demonstrations to the

Sooner or later you are going to
try our

WASHED NUT COAL

at
\$5.00

per ton, delivered.

The Fuel which has proved so
satisfactory as a

KITCHEN FUEL

that has made all Victoria Coal
dealers sit up and take

NOTICE

We never have, and never will
make an extra charge for OAK
BAY deliveries.

Kirk & Co

1212 Broad Street
Phones 212 and 139

memory of the young student of Italia
irredenta who was executed for an at-
tempt upon the life of the Austrian
emperor. Shouts of "Long Live Trent"
and "Long Live Trieste" could not
have sounded very melodiously in the
German ambassador's ears.

Golfers sometimes resent their favor-
ite recreation, pastime, ritual, func-
tion, or whatever they or we may
choose to call it, being described as an
old man's game. Yet that is what it
literally is in Great Britain at the
present time. Only the older men are
indulging in it. All the others, or nearly
all, amateur and professional, accord-
ing to a competent authority, have
"gone to the front." In Germany there
is no sport, unless it be students' duels
and the cutting down of civilians by
uniformed braves, to be affected by
the war.

THE KAISER'S PRAYER.

The Latest Ultimatum.

This "poem" was written by an Ameri-
can, but as that country is neutral has
not been published here by its author:

Gott! Dear Gott! Additions, please!
Your barder Wilhelm's here,
And has a word or two to say
Indo your private ear.
So, down away all orders now
And listen well to me,
For what I say concerns me much—
Meinself and Sherman.

You know, dear Gott, I was your friend,
And from mein hour of birth,
I quietly let you rule der Heffen
Vile I ruled o'er der earth.
Und when I told my soldiers
Of bygone battle days,
I gladly split der glory
Und gift you half der praise.

In every way I tried to prove
Mein heartd to you was true,
Und only claimed mein honest share
Of der good luck dat you do.
You could not haf a better friend
In sky or landt or sea,
Dhan Kaiser Wilhelm, Number Two
Der Lord of Sherman.

Now, vat I say, dear Gott, is dis:
Dat we should still be friends,
Und you should help to send my foes
To meet der bitter ends.
If you, dear Gott, vill dis me do,
I'll nudings ask again,
Und you and I vill bardners be
Vorfremder, Amen.

Bud listen, Gott, it must be quick,
Your help do me you send,
Or else I haf to stop addack
Und only haf defend.
So four and twenty hours I gift
To make der alace run,
Und put me safe into mein place
By der middle of der sun.

If you do dis, I'll do my best,
I'll dell der world der fact,
But if you don't, den I must dink
It is an hostile act.
Den, vat at yonce I vill declare,
Und send mein Zopp'in ships to wage
A fight up in der skies.

Dis ultimatum now, dear Gott,
Is one of many more,
Mein mindt is stuffed up to clean
Der whole world off der floor,
Because you vas mein bardner, Gott,
An extra schance is giften;
So help ad yonce, or else I'll be
Der Emperor of Heffen.

LARGER THAN THEY LOOK.

London Chronicle.

The resources of the kingdom and the
empire, which look large upon paper, are
still larger than they may have looked to
some of our rivals because we have been
in the habit of estimating and using our
real assets much more conservatively
than they. We have also an advantage
over all the other belligerents in that
naval power (which must always be our
main contribution to the war), though its
money cost is higher in peace-time than
that of a huge conscript land army, adds
much less to its cost when war breaks
out, and interferes enormously less with
the economic life of the nation.

SOMETHING WRONG.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

"I got a thermometer with which to
regulate the temperature of our house."
"Well."
"But it doesn't seem to work at all.
Some days the rooms are hot; other
days they are cold."

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

Gift Suggestions

For Every Member of the Family

Suggestions That Will Save You Both Time and Money

STORE OPEN EVENINGS

Appropriate Gift Suggestions For Women

See Special Window Displays on View and Broad
Streets.

A HANDSOME SET OF FURS

would make an ideal gift, and one that any woman
would be proud to receive. From such a large se-
lection and with prices so reasonable, the following
will appeal to you.

Ermine Neck Piece at	\$65.00
Ermine Muff at	\$125.00
Ermine Ties at \$15.00, \$17.50 to	\$45.00
Mink Capes at \$125.00 and	\$150.00
Mink Muffs to match at \$125.00 and	\$150.00
Russian Kolinsky in cape effects, from \$25.00 to	\$85.00
Fitch Stoles, from \$25.00 to	\$65.00
Fitch Muffs, from \$30.00 to	\$75.00
Black Fox Stoles, each \$20, \$25.00, \$35.00, \$45.00 to	\$80.00
Black Fox Muffs, at the same prices, making up sets from	\$40.00
Russian Kolinsky Neckties, each \$12.50, \$15.00 and	\$17.50
Marmot Furs, in the cape and long stole effects, each \$7.50, \$8.75, \$9.50, \$12.50, \$17.50, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00 and	\$35.00

Exquisite Evening Wraps. \$25.00

A beautiful range of very choice Evening Wraps in
silks, velvets, brocades and other high class novelties, se-
lected from the French room, and on sale to-day at a
specially low price. One of these exquisite Wraps would
make a most handsome gift for Christmas. See the sam-
ples in View Street window.

A Choice Selection Silk Waists \$2.50

If this is the price you intend giving for a gift for a lady
friend, why not consider a Silk Waist? Every lady likes
to have a good supply of Waists, and we are quite sure
she would appreciate one of these. There are plain silks
in a very wide assortment of shades, while there's an ex-
cellent range of striped and fancy designs to choose from.
Every waist in this offering is a particularly good quality.
There are values in the range worth up to \$5.00. Your
choice at

BRUSHED WOOL SWEATER SET

What lady would not like to receive one of these Cozy Sets
for a Christmas gift? These are ideal garments for Win-
ter wear—look smart and particularly attractive. These
Sets are new and fashionable and can be had in all the
popular shades. Very special, per set

Fancy Tea Aprons Special at 50c

Tea Aprons make most acceptable gifts, and any one of
these will be thoroughly appreciated. There's an excep-
tionally fine assortment to choose from in dotted Swiss
muslins, plain muslins and lawns, all trimmed in a variety
of dainty ways with fine laces, insertions and lace edgings.
Some are very prettily finished with colored ribbons.

BOUDOIR CAPS SPECIAL AT \$1.00

These come in a variety of dainty styles in dotted Swiss
muslins, and plain lawns; some trimmed with lace insert-
ions, and finished with frills and lace; others have bows of
ribbon. These make dainty Christmas gifts.

SILK AND CREPE WAIST LENGTHS

Neatly packed in fancy boxes ready for mailing to your
friends. Each box contains a beautiful piece of silk or
crepe, in a shirtwaist length. Your choice from an ex-
cellent assortment of designs and colorings in plain, fancy
and striped effects. Per box, \$1.50, \$2.50 and

Gifts for Men Easily Set- tled in the Men's Fur- nishing Department

Nearly everything that a man re-
quires in the way of Furnishing is in-
cluded in the special window display on
View Street, and in the department on
Main floor. Bring your gift problems
here; they will soon be solved. Some
of the novelties showing are:

Four-in-Hand Ties, in plain and fancy
shades, straight or wide ends; excellent
assortment of pretty designs and colorings
to choose from. Each Tie put up in fancy
holty box, suitable for sending away.
Special, each, 75c, 50c and

White Jap Silk Mufflers, large size. Each
at

Men's Collar Boxes, in suede and fancy
leather. Each, \$2.00 to

Men's Fancy Jewelry for Christmas gifts,
put up in single boxes. Tie Pin, Cuff
Links and Tie Clip, all to match. Per
set

A Large Range of Tie Pins from 75c up
to

Fancy Tie Clips. Each, 50c and

Men's Watch Fobs. Special value at \$1.75

Men's Colored Bordered Mercerized Hand-
kerchiefs, soft finish, for immediate use.
Special value, 2 for 25c and 3 for

Men's Wool, also Wool and Silk Knitted
Mufflers, in shot effects, full length and
width. All prices from \$2.00 to

Fine Dress Kid Gloves, silk lined; regular
\$2.50 value for, pair

Heavy Cape Kid Dress or Driving Gloves, in
tan shades, silk lined; \$2.00 values for,
pair

Fine Dress Kid Gloves, unlined, tan color;
regular \$2.25 value for, pair

Practical Gift Sug- gestions for Infants and Children

Those who intend giving
their children practical gifts
this Christmas will find many
suggestions here. There are
many other articles, though, to
be seen in the various depart-
ments, if we've not mentioned
just what you desire.

Dainty Dresses For Infants

In fine white muslins, made up
in very dainty styles. Just
the styles needed for Christ-
mas wear. Dresses are
trimmed in a variety of ways
with Valenciennes lace, in-
sertions and embroidery.
Prices from 50c to

Children Pinafores

In white muslins, very daintily
trimmed with Valenciennes
lace and embroidery. Sizes
for infants from 35c to 75c
Pinafores for girls from 8 to 10
years, in white lawns. Spe-
cial at

Fur Sets

Make very useful gifts for girls
of all ages. We are showing
many varieties in fox, imita-
tion ermine, bear, goat and
others. In single pieces, also
in sets. All prices up from
only

Children's Cozy Slippers

All Felt Strap Slippers, in navy
and cherry; all sizes. Per
pair

Arctic Plaid Ankle Strap Slip-
pers, felt and leather soles.
Pair

Buy Your Christmas Novelties To-day

And Make Sure of Not Being
Disappointed

Sugar Pigs, Spectacles, Watches and Animals, each	1c
Mixed Candies, per lb.	20c
Mixed Candies, per lb.	30c
Mixed Chocolates, per lb.	35c
Fancy Boxes Chocolates, 10c up to	\$3.50
Candy Canes, each 5c, 10c, 15c and	50c
Novelties, each 5c, 10c, 15c and	25c
Xmas Stockings, 3 for	10c
Xmas Stockings, each 5c to	\$9.75
Xmas Crackers, 25c to	\$2.75

—Main Floor

Special Christmas Sale of Men's Hats

Regular Values to \$4.50 Clearing at \$2.50

Here's a splendid chance for men to buy a
Smart New Hat for Christmas. No mat-
ter what shape hat you usually wear, you
will find one in this offering that will suit
you, and at a price much below the regu-
lar. There are Stiffs, Crushes, Fedoras
and Telescope shapes, in a large variety,
including plush, velvet and scratch finish;
some with fancy bands and others plain.
All sizes. Regular values to \$4.50, clearing
to-day at

—Main Floor

Handsome Gift Books

Harrison Fisher's Art Gift Books,
\$1.50 Value for \$1.00

These are large-size books, full of this
famous artist's popular sketches, painted in
colors with a quotation to suit each picture.

Block Calendars at Half Price

A splendid range of the famous Block Cal-
endars to go at half price. A text or quota-
tion from each day, to tear off. Quotation
from Shakespeare, Longfellow, Tennyson,
Turner, Dickens and others, also Biblical
subjects. Regular 50c value for

—Main Floor

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

VICTORY!

What great significance that word has these days. In peace or war VICTORY means SUCCESS—the enemy conquered, beaten, humiliated. The housekeeper's worst enemy was the "high cost of living." We've fought the battle for her, we've conquered that enemy. We want your support to meet our further attacks.

Anyone placing a general order Wednesday may get any
Santa Claus Stocking at Half-Price
Every Stocking is marked in plain figures.

Splendid Turkeys, lb.	30c	Welch's Grape Juice, per bottle, 32c and	58c
Pure Pork Sausage, lb.	20c	Fruit Wines, made in Victoria, bottle	33c
Rock Mixed Candy, lb.	10c	Allen's Ontario Cider, per quart, 27c. Gallon	95c
Jelly Beans, lb.	18c	Cranberries, lb.	10c
Spanish Table Raisins, lb.	10c	Jap Oranges, box	35c
Table Figs, lb.	18c		
Dates, pkt.	10c		

Bargains everywhere. We pack Xmas Hampers. Anything you desire.

H. O. KIRKHAM & CO. LIMITED

A splendid line of Confectionery at popular prices. Next to corner of Government and Fort Streets. You can save money for Gifts right here. Fresh and Smoked Fish.

PANTAGES THEATRE

UNEQUALLED VAUDEVILLE
THREE SHOWS DAILY—1, 7.30 and 9.15. Matinee 1c; evening, orchestra and balcony, 25c; boxes, 50c. Three shows Saturday evening beginning at 6.30.

WEEK OF DEC. 21

JAMES J. CORBETT
In humorous monologue descriptive of his travels.

TRANSFIELD SISTERS
In Comedy Sketch, "He Married All Right."

HAROLD HOLLAND AND CO.
In Comedy Sketch, "He Married All Right."

SKIPPER, KENNEDY AND REEVES
15 Minutes of Mirth and Melody.

BALTUS BROTHERS

FIVE DE LUXE GIRLS
In a Gay Singing and Dancing Diversion.

PRINCESS THEATRE

Phone 4625.

TO-NIGHT

F. B. Allen Presents

MIS VERA FELTON

and

THE ALLEN PLAYERS

In

That Girl From Texas

POPULAR PRICES

Only Matinee Saturday.

Subscribe to Victoria Patriotic Fund.

COLUMBIA THEATRE

Formerly the Empress

Grand Holiday Attraction

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

BOYD'S ROYAL HAWAIIANS

In Singing and Musical Numbers

IRA ROBERTS

Singing and Talking Comedian

BELL & ROBERTS

In a Great Dancing Act

RAY LAWRENCE

Yardville's Great Female Impersonator. Direct from New York.

Amateur Night on Wednesday

THE GIFT CENTRE

Remember a Gift For the BABY

Solid Gold Neck Chain and Charm, set with chip diamond. Reg. \$4.50. Now \$3.40
Same without diamond. Regular \$4.00. NOW \$3.00
Sterling Feeding Spoon. Regular \$1.50. NOW \$1.15
Sterling Silver Mug. Reg. \$7.00. Now \$5.25
Sterling Set, in case—knife, spoon and fork. Regular price \$7.50. Now \$5.65

One-Quarter to One-Half Off All Regular Prices of Our Entire Stock

See Special Ad on Page 11.

SHORTT, HILL & DUNCAN

DIAMOND MERCHANTS, GOLDSMITHS AND SILVERSMITHS

At the Sign of the Four Dials

Corner Broad and View Sts. Phone 575

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

Miss Millan, Spokane, is a guest at Mount Pleasant.

J. Beatty, of Vancouver, is staying at the Empress hotel.

James Ross, of Edmonton, is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

J. G. Crosby, of Sidney, is staying at the Prince George hotel.

S. D. Stewart, of Vancouver, is staying at the Empress hotel.

W. Willis is a Vancouver guest at the Strathcona hotel at present.

Miss N. D. Reid, of Cowichan, is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Ormond Hignian is registered at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

Glenn E. Bruce is here from Edmonton, a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

H. H. Jacobs is among the guests at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

H. Joyce, of Fox Warren, Manitoba, is registered at the Prince George hotel.

L. X. Kohlmann, of Vancouver, is registered at the Empress hotel to-day.

R. H. Cliburn is here from Vancouver, a guest at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. H. L. Rasmussen, of Cobble Hill, is at the Strathcona hotel while in the city.

Mrs. Reid, of Cowichan, is among those registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Walter P. Porep is here from Seattle, and is staying at the Empress hotel.

W. G. Rowe, of Vancouver, is among the mainland guests at the Strathcona hotel.

E. A. Smith and John McDougall, of

Nanaimo, are at the Prince George hotel.

H. Hewitt is registered at the Strathcona hotel while in the city from East Sooke.

Mrs. Wallis, of Duncan, is staying at the Empress hotel while visiting the capital.

Miss Penn, Duncan, is spending the winter months in the city at Mount Pleasant.

Edwin Auld is in the city from Edmonton, and is registered at the Empress hotel.

Here from Vancouver to-day, Lieut. Col. W. Davis is a guest at the Empress hotel.

T. R. Sheebotham is here from Vancouver, and is registered at the Empress hotel.

A. L. McConnell is among the Vancouver residents who are at the Empress hotel.

C. H. Damier is in the city from Seattle, and is stopping at the Empress hotel.

The theatrical troupe, Boyd's Royal Hawaiians, are registered at the Prince George hotel.

J. Stewart, of Killarney, Manitoba, is among those staying at the Prince George hotel.

Charles H. Barbour, proprietor of the Sooke Harbor hotel, has arrived at the Empress hotel.

R. C. Janion is registered at the Empress hotel, having come across from Vancouver.

Mrs. H. Nichols is in the capital from Cobble Hill and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. J. McKee, of Vancouver, is among those registered at the Prince George hotel while in the city.

Captain and Mrs. R. W. Shears are among the guests at the Empress hotel from Seattle.

A. W. Morton is visiting the capital from Vancouver and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lange and family, of London, England, have registered at the Prince George hotel.

Miss Grace Bramhall, who has been in Victoria for the past two years, has left for Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitton and Miss Whitton, of Duncan, are among those staying at the Strathcona hotel.

V. G. Gosnell, of Edmonton, is among the visitors in the city from the prairies. He is at the Strathcona hotel.

Two young men had offered themselves together to the recruiting sergeant. The one was very tall, the other short. The recruiting officer soon told the tall youth to pass on. His little comrade was rejected. "Why?" asked the latter. "What's wrong with me?" "You have a disease," said the officer. "Nonsense," insisted the would-be soldier. "I have never had any disease in my life." "You have a disease," persisted the officer. "What is it?" demanded the rejected one. "It's the duck's disease," answered the officer. "What the blazes is that?" "Why, your bally body is too near the bally ground."

Some years ago a merchant sent a cargo of goods to Constantinople. After the supercargo saw the bales and boxes safely landed, he inquired where they could be stored. "Leave them here—it won't rain to-night," was the reply. "But I dare not leave them thus exposed; some of the goods might be stolen," said the supercargo. The Mohammedan merchant burst into a loud laugh as he replied: "Don't be alarmed; there isn't a Christian within fifty miles of here."

Why level downward to our dullest perception always, and praise that as common sense?—Thorpe

AT THE THEATRES

EXCELLENT PICTURES.

The advance notices of Dustin Farnum in "The Virginian" did not exaggerate this splendid subject of Virginian life, and the audiences that witnessed this film yesterday afternoon and evening at the Royal Victoria theatre all made the same remark and that was: "It is one of the best pictures that I have seen for some time." The story of the Virginian is known to nearly everyone. There is laughter, tears, pathos, tragedy, but it all comes right in the end and the spectator is as glad as any of the other characters who help to bring the finish to a happy ending. The cast of players required to put this performance on included over three hundred people and the plot is composed of over four hundred scenes. There is also a comic picture shown, entitled "The Scarecrow and the Chap-erone," which is a continual laugh from start to finish. The children who attended the matinee yesterday afternoon were given a small present from the management as they left the building, and each one was more than pleased. "The Virginian" will be shown again this evening and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday by Jane Grey, who will be seen in "The Little Gray Lady." A small present will be given to each child who attends the matinee this week.

COLUMBIA THEATRE.

With voice and instruments, Boyd's Royal Hawaiian entertainers, the headline attraction at the Columbia theatre, the first half of this week, are by far the finest act of the kind ever staged in the district. The harmony of the perfect vocal numbers appeals to the audience as nothing but the tuneful melody of the famous island songsters could appeal, while the guitar solo work and its accompaniment by three instruments come in for an equal amount of enthusiastic applause. The act is the musical hit of the season and it should be heard by all lovers of harmony. The girl in the act is very good in the native dances. The Earl Brothers give a very clever display of hand-to-hand balancing. The Neudeau sisters are two very fine singers from Australia and their singing was highly appreciated by the large audiences last night. The other act on the bill is its Roberts, an accomplished singing and talking comedian. There are the usual fan reels of latest photographs, amongst which are the famous Hearst Selig war pictures. There will be the usual amateur night on Wednesday.

Recently Jones collided with a spell of hard luck, and in order to make his pork and beans and his appetite meet, he was compelled to pawn his watch. While the watch was yet in lock, a friend asked him the time of day. "Why, what in the world has become of your watch?" asked the surprised friend, seeing Jones yank out a time-killer of the turnip brand. "Here it is," smiled Jones, extending the cheap ticker. "Anything the matter with your optical apparatus?" "Yes; but that's a silver watch," persisted the friend. "The one you used to have had a handsome gold case." "I know it did," was the grateful rejoinder of Jones; "but circumstances alter cases."

Theatrical Geography.—London—A city inhabited largely by children whose mothers are being pursued by villains. Paris—A city situated in Maxim's and inhabited chiefly by ladies who wear tight on the streets in broad daylight, and who, by night, live on the top of restaurant tables. Vienna—The industry of this city is waiting. Its male population is composed entirely of handsome and very passionate young lieutenants of Dragoon. Surrey—A district in England to which Londoners retire after marrying women with "pasts." Rhodesia—A country in British Central Africa inhabited by leading-men who have been disappointed in love.—Puck.



SEAL BRAND COFFEE

The Finishing Touch To A Perfect Meal

CHASE & SANBORN MONTREAL

GLOVE CERTIFICATES.

MERCHANDISE CERTIFICATES.

Gordon Doyle LIMITED

The Store Will Remain Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Evenings

Exceptional Sale of Trimmed Hats, \$2.50

Values to \$15.00

The values offered here to-day will be readily appreciated by every woman who desires to make economical selection. In the wide range of styles you will find models that will meet with your ideas—Hats that embrace the latest style touches of the season. The offering is decidedly unusual, and should have the attention of all who look for style and value at moderate cost.

Coats and Evening Capes

To Clear at \$3.50

The Capes come in broadcloth and cord velvet in three-quarter and seven-eighth lengths, and are suitable for day or evening wear. The Coats are in grey tweeds and navy serge or black, in three-quarter and full lengths. The quantity of these is limited, and an early selection is advised.

Brushed Wool Sweater Coats, Caps and Scarves, Special \$6.75 the Set

The Coat is in hip length, with two pockets, roll collar, covered buttons, and has loops for the scarf, which can be worn as a sash or about the throat. The cap is in a pleasing design, and can be adjusted to suit individual needs. The sets come in such shades as rose, sage blue, grey and purple, and are splendid value at the price quoted. They are the best value that we have seen in this line.

Gift Novelties on Sale at Great Reductions

Sweet Grass Baskets and Novelties—

10c for	5c	30c for	15c
15c for	7 1/2c	75c for	40c
25c for	12 1/2c	\$1.25 for	90c
35c for	20c	65c for	40c
50c for	25c	85c for	50c

Bronze Baskets—\$1.85 for \$1.25, \$1.75 for \$1.25. Wicker Baskets for cards, etc., 50c for 25c, 30c for 15c. Beautiful Work Baskets on stand, lined with mauve satin. A splendid value at \$12.00; now priced at \$9.00. Finished Dresser Sets on fine muslin, worked in pink and blue; \$1.85 for \$1.50.

Finished Dresser Sets on pure linen; \$4.00 for \$3.00. Dresser Sets, linen and cretonne; \$2.75 for \$2.00. Hand-Embroidered Madeira Sachet Covers, 75c for 50c, \$1.00 for 75c, \$1.25 for \$1.00.

Pin Cushions, \$1.75 for 90c, \$2.50 for \$1.25, \$5.50 for \$3.00, 75c for 50c.

A few Calendars left to clear at 50c for 25c, 25c for 12 1/2c, 15c for 7 1/2c.

Library Book Plates, 75c for 40c.

Buy Christmas Gift Handkerchiefs

At 10c—Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs with embroidered corner and narrow hem.

At 15c—Sunshine Handkerchiefs with purple, blue or green border.

At 25c—Chalet. Amriswyl machine embroidered Handkerchiefs, in effective new patterns, and also colored border Handkerchiefs with open-work designs in one corner.

At 35c or 3 for \$1.00—An especially fine range of Linen Handkerchiefs, with narrow hem and displaying needlework of special merit; also embroidered colored Handkerchiefs in a pleasing variety. Initial Handkerchiefs in the very newest effects.

GLOVE ORDERS ISSUED TO ANY AMOUNT

Holly and Descriptive Ribbons

AT HALF-PRICE TO-DAY

Very attractive for table decorations and for tying Christmas parcels. Shown in a number of widths at the following prices:

Regular 20c values, 10c	per bolt of 6 yards.
Regular 25c values, 12 1/2c	per bolt of 6 yards.
Regular 35c values, 17 1/2c	per bolt of 6 yards.
Regular 45c values, 22 1/2c	per bolt of 6 yards.

Hand-Embroidered Linen Table Centres and Runners Half-Price

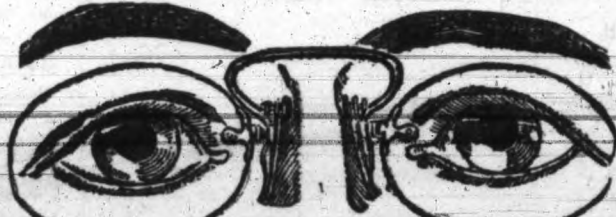
Size 18x18; \$1.75 for	90c
Size 18x18; \$2.00 for	\$1.00
Size 18x18; \$3.00 for	\$1.50
Size 24x24; \$2.50 for	\$1.25
Size 24x24; \$3.50 for	\$1.75
Size 24x24; \$4.00 for	\$2.00
Size 24x24; \$5.00 for	\$2.50
Size 24x24; \$6.00 for	\$3.00
Size 18x27; \$3.50 for	\$1.75
Size 18x54; \$8.00 for	\$4.00

155 Yates Street, Victoria.

Phone 1878

875 Granville Street, Vancouver

ONLY A FEW DAYS MORE



Don't Miss This Chance

During the past few months hundreds of people have taken advantage of our Special Offers made from time to time, whereby we have offered Special Low Prices to introduce our DUPLEX GLASSER. Look about you and wherever you see a man or woman with a fine Pair of Glasses, showing style, neatness, and giving perfect satisfaction, there you will find, in nine cases out of ten, our Duplex Glasses. The Queen's system of eye examination, the simplicity, durability and beauty of our frames, together with our Duplex Lenses, has told its story to such an extent that when a person thinks of getting Glasses, Queen's Opticians comes to their mind, and a Pair of Duplex Perfect Vision Glasses is the result.

OUR OFFER

Our specialists examine your eyes by Queen's System and make a pair of our Duplex Perfect Vision Lenses, fitted in a gold-filled frame, warranted for five years, and the cost this week is only \$1.25. While the price is low, we always keep up the standard excellence of our work, for which our house is noted, so, no matter what the price is, you get the best and reap the benefit. Do not put it off. Come in the morning and avoid a long wait.

Don't use two Pairs of Glasses. See our 2-in-1 Lenses. \$1.25 Children's eyes specially cared for.

Cross-eyes straightened without the knife. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed.

QUEEN'S OPTICIANS

607 Yates Street

Between Government and Broad Sts.

Exclusive Eyesight Specialists.

Hours—9 a. m. to 5.30 p. m.

Saturday till 3.30 p. m.

Prescriptions, Prismatic and Compound Lenses, at Reduced Prices.

OUR GUARANTEE

This is to certify that every pair of Glasses purchased of us is fully guaranteed. We bond and bind ourselves to replace either lenses or frame should they fail to give entire satisfaction.

(Signed) Queen's Opticians.

To the educated ad reader QUALITY OF GOODS is of first importance—price-concessions secondary.



NOT YET SATISFIED WITH THE PROPOSAL

City Council Will Again Consider Question of Employment Registry

"Something has got to be done," said Alderman Fullerton in the city council last evening, speaking of the proposed registry for the unemployed, called for in the following resolution:

"That the Central Employment and Relief committee open an office or store to receive contributions, install a telephone and register the names of persons willing to perform work, and that the city council be asked to pay the rent of same during the time the premises are used for the purpose of relieving the unemployed."

The matter was referred to the committee of the whole, called to sit this afternoon at 4.

The Central Employment and Relief committee resolved on Friday to ask the council to do this. It was necessary to ask the council as the plan involves expense.

Alderman Porter wanted some information about the cost of operation. He thought it would be a mistake to spend money which should go towards actual relief.

Alderman Todd doubted if anything could be done, as there was no work to be found even if there were a dozen rooms established for registration.

Alderman Fullerton suggested that Fair Weights officer Robertson should be engaged.

"Something has got to be done," he said. "I know what the working men are suffering. Such a bureau must be established. It is quite easy to get a room in the city hall or in the market building."

"I think it will require a separate employee," replied the mayor.

Alderman Fullerton observed that that Mr. Robertson had had experience under circumstances which arose last winter.

Alderman McNeill asked if all the organizations would accept the Central association's work. The mayor considered the Central association would be a separate organization, not responsible to other bodies.

Alderman McNeill opposed taking Mr. Robertson from the inspection of weights.

It was proposed to send the matter to a joint committee of the council and the management committee, but the suggestion was dropped.

Alderman Todd could only see that one man should be employed by the scheme, the man in charge.

"It was simply a waste of money," he said.

Alderman Bell indicated that he would support Alderman Fullerton, if the alderman would place some limit on the expenditure.

Alderman McCandless considered that there was some misunderstanding as to just what was proposed.

Alderman Okeil said that in arranging anything of this kind, they should

make sure of the employment of British subjects. There was no such provision at present. British citizens not being protected.

ARRANGE SERVICE ON INTERCESSION DAY

Aldermen Preparing Plans for January 3; A Property Claim and a Marquise

"As his majesty the king has set aside Sunday, January 3, as a day of public intercession, I think it right the city council should take the matter up and arrange for a special service which will give an opportunity to those who usually do not attend service to do so. I would suggest such a service for the afternoon of January 3."

This was Alderman McCandless' statement at the city council meeting last evening. The council delegated the arrangements to the health and morals committee.

The long delay over the settlement of the purchase of the old Weller factory on the corner of Humboldt and Douglas streets was drawn to the attention of the city council in a communication from Charles and Otto Weller. The writers mentioned that the subject had been delayed from time to time, that they had long ago appointed an arbitrator in the person of E. M. Johnson, and had spent \$2,100 in actual cash for fees incurred through the notice of expropriation, and had lost a considerable revenue on the property through being unable to let it on any definite lease till the city council had indicated when the property would be required.

The difficulty arises through the fact that, after having planned in the boom time to make Douglas street a 100-foot thoroughfare from the sea to the Saanich boundary, the council, on account of the expense, abandoned the proposal as it affects the portion south of Humboldt street.

The subject was referred to the finance committee and the city solicitor.

Complaint of the excessive cost of local improvement works on Blackwood street was lodged by Frank Burrell with the city solicitor, who in turn passed the communication on to the council. Mr. Burrell asked that no local improvement work should be done on Prior street and Seaview avenue on account of the cost to him through his frontage to Blackwood street. He pointed out that the excessive cost would make it impossible to dispose of the property. On Blackwood street the local improvement tax on four lots amounted to approximately \$2,000, or about \$2,500 spread over ten years. If the work on Prior street and Seaview avenue cost in like proportion the total tax on his lots would figure out at from \$6,500 to \$7,000.

The communication, not the first of its kind, was filed.

The city solicitor wrote pointing out that the Real Estate Exchange suggestion of a graduated scale of discount rates on taxes, commencing at one-sixth, is legal. When the communication was being passed on to the legislative committee, Alderman McNeill stated that an endeavor should be made to have the municipal act amended so that the assessment roll should be returnable on December 31.

Settlement with F. R. Bennett for property taken by the city under expropriation proceedings for the widening of Pandora avenue will be made at \$7,500.

After two ineffectual attempts to agree upon the type of marquis to be used for the Campbell building, a settlement has been reached. A covering with wire netting strong enough to support men in case it should be necessary to mount upon the awning in the event of fire will be put up.

Saturday is to be declared a civic holiday as far as the municipal departments are concerned.

We are officially informed that, when every cat and dog in the German empire has been enrolled and armed, each cat will be allowed to provide its own kit—Punch.

NAME DEPUTIES FOR ANNUAL ELECTION

Six Citizens Appointed by Ballot; Union Label on Printing

The deputy returning officers who will assist Returning Officer Northcott at the election on January 14, should it be necessary to have a poll, will be Thomas Tubman, J. B. McCann, William Lorimer, Thomas Watson, A. McFarlane and T. Allatt. The first five were selected on the first ballot at the city council meeting last evening. The first two will be deputies for the majority election. The remaining four will be the aldermanic deputies.

This decision was reached last evening. The nomination for all officers will take place at the police court room; the poll for mayor at the police court room, the poll for aldermen at 3417 and 1419 Broad street, and the poll for school trustees in the pottery building.

Wilmore Brothers lodged a protest with the city council against being unable to secure the city printing contract for meter readings when their tender had been lower than that of the printers' combination. They objected to disfiguring their printing with the union label. It was stated that no outside men were employed on the work of the printing office, it being a family firm.

The mayor explained that there had been a lower tender for the particular work. Wilmore Brothers had done work last year for the council, but since then the resolution calling for the union label on corporation printing had been passed.

Wilmore Brothers will be so informed.

The markets by-law was briefly discussed, and will be taken up in committee next Monday.

The new by-law provides for a number of alterations in the present procedure governing the institution. It sets up an outside market under a superintendent, and an inside market under a market clerk, defines the fees to be paid for stalls, and establishes a set of regulations for the management of the market.

In introducing the by-law, Alderman Sargent, chairman of the market committee, stated that even if the produce market were not in existence it would be necessary to have a new by-law governing the auction market and the use of stalls.

NOT SYMPATHETIC Alderman Porter Stands Up for Usefulness of Wood Cutting Plan.

When the city council was laying the unemployment committee's protest against the Salvation army's wood-cutting scheme on the table last evening, Alderman Porter remarked:

"I was told on the best authority that over 100 applied for work this morning. The Salvation army is not in a position yet to find employment for all the men who are willing to work. Apparently they are only too pleased to find employment with the Salvation army. I certainly differ with the writers of the letter."

The letter will remain on the table till the finance committee reports.

ESQUIMALT COUNCIL Closing Up the Work of the Year; Only Two Retirements From Body at Coming Elections.

Last evening's meeting of the Esquimalt council is the last but one that will be held by the present council, and was a very short one, practically all that was done being the passing of the usual accounts.

The engineer reported that the streets of the municipality are in very good state, and the recent fine weather has given a chance to finish the work begun some time ago on them.

The only retirements from the council will be those of Reeve Saunders and Councillor Cave. There is no other candidate in sight for the reeve'ship but Councillor Anderson. It is likely that there will be several new men in the field to contest the elections.

MEETINGS

American Society.—The American society will meet to-night in Odd Fellows' hall. The usual impromptu entertainment and dance will follow the business meeting.

Elks to Meet.—The Elks' club will hold a special meeting to-night to discuss the advisability of holding a county fair in the near future. A full attendance is requested.

Dance To-morrow.—To-morrow evening a social dance, the first of the series, will be held at St. John's hall, Herald street, under the auspices of J. L. Reese. Excellent music will be provided.

For Orphanage.—Victoria Purple Star lodge, L.O.B.A., will give a social evening in the Orange hall, Yates street, to-morrow, starting at 8. The proceeds will be donated to the Protestant Orphanage. Tickets will be 25 cents. All members are expected to bring cakes.

Christmas Entertainment.—The Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school will have its Christmas entertainment on Wednesday evening in the church auditorium. A unique and interesting service has been prepared, entitled "White Gifts for the King." A select choir of forty voices will

Gordons Limited
739 Yates Street Phone 1391

This Store Offers You Best Service and Finest Values

A Merchandise Scrip is a Practical Gift

A Warm Muffler is a Seasonable Gift

We have them nicely packed in fancy boxes. You can select from silk and cotton and all-wool. These come in a large variety of colors at prices up from only .50¢

Knitted Wear for the Kiddies

Hardly anything could be more suitable as a gift for a child than some dainty, warm, knitted woolen article. You can make your selection from complete stocks of Children's Jersey Suits, Gaiters, Caps, Sweaters, Infants' Jackets, Booties, Socks, Hats, Bonnets and Mittens. You will be pleased with our wonderful selection.

Xmas Sale of Fine English Felt Slippers

For the remaining days before Xmas we have decided to reduce our entire stock of fine English Felt Slippers. Women's Plaid Slippers with felt soles. Reg. \$1.50 Sale price, per pair, only \$1.20. Misses' Felt Slippers, in all styles and sizes, at reduced prices.

SALE OF LADIES' BOOTS

A Special Line of Ladies' Button Boots, in patent and gun-metal leathers. All sizes and widths. Regular \$5.00 pair. Sale, pair, \$4.00

Xmas Sale of Fine Furs

Our entire stock of beautiful Furs has been re-marked to two-thirds of their regular prices. Make her a gift of a beautiful Fur Set. She will appreciate it highly.

One-Third Off All Prices

Christmas Ribbons and Braid

We are now showing a full range of Xmas Ribbons in narrow and medium widths, and in a variety of designs, at prices up from, per yard, 5¢. Braids for tying Xmas parcels; colors green or red; 10 yards to the card. Price, per card, 10¢

Christmas Gift Gloves

Trefoils are specially recommended as gifts. They represent the best in workmanship and material, and will give lasting satisfaction. A Gordon Glove Scrip will solve the question.

HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS

Suitable For Ladies and Children

Handkerchiefs	Infants' Bonnet	Cushion
Poplin Ties	Infants' Coats	Fancy Linen
Neckwear	Infants' Wool Gaiters	Table Linen
Gloves	Infants' Mitts	Tea Apron
Slippers	Infants' Hosiery	Corsage Bouquet
Shoes	Infants' Booties	Merchandise Scrip
Fancy Combs	Waist Length	Cashmere Hose
Waist	Wool Blanket	Knitted Muffler
Silk Underskirt	Down Comforter	Opera Coat
Umbrella	Crib Comforter	Silk Dress
Wool or Silk Sweater	Crib Blanket	French Hand-Embroidered Lingerie
Glove Scrip	Fancy Work	Bead Necklace
Silk Hose		

The Popular Gift—Handkerchiefs

Ladies' Plain Hemstitched Handkerchiefs of fine linen, at prices up from only 15¢

Gents' in same quality, at prices up from 25¢

Initial Handkerchiefs for ladies; initial is neatly embroidered in one corner; pure linen. Prices up from 20¢

Gents' Initial Handkerchiefs up from 35¢

Ladies' Cambric Handkerchiefs, finished with dainty lace edge, 15¢

Fancy Embroidered Cambric Handkerchiefs, 20¢ or 3 for 50¢

Fancy Embroidered and Lace Edged Linen Handkerchiefs at prices up from 35¢

Hand-Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs at prices up from 90¢

Gift Umbrellas in Great Variety

It will be an easy matter for you to choose from this fine stock, no matter what you wish to pay. We have some elegant ones with etched silver handles; others with inlaid silver, silver and pearl and plain ebony finish. Prices up to \$7.50

Waist Lengths, Practical Gifts

One of the most practical of gifts is a Waist Length of dainty delaine, silk or viyella. These are neatly placed in pretty boxes that are decorated with holly. We have a large variety for you to select from, and the prices are very low. The prices are \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.50

For the Autoist

A Beautiful Motor Rug would make a gift that would be highly appreciated. We have some of special quality at, each, \$5.50 and \$6.50

Buy Your Boy an Erector

No better or more practical gift for a boy, both useful and instructive. In stock three sizes: 140 parts, each, \$1.50; 205 parts, each, \$2.75; 234 parts, each, \$4.25

Gift Neckwear Novelties

See our special display today of many new Neckwear novelties, any of which will make dainty gifts. We will pack them neatly in a fancy Xmas box.

Royal Standard Flour

Gives employment to over one hundred workmen in British Columbia.

USE IT
and ensure their jobs as well as your own.

Quite apart from this argument—ROYAL STANDARD is a good flour. It is sold by all dealers with a money-back guarantee.

Vancouver Milling and Grain Co., Limited
Vancouver New Westminster
Nanaimo Victoria

SUBSCRIBE

to the

VICTORIA PATRIOTIC FUND

Christmas Gifts

Furniture Makes Useful Gifts of Lasting Quality

Couch \$4.90 Good strong Couch, upholstered in green or red French velour, with fringe all round, good spring seat and head, for \$4.90	Mahogany Pedestal, \$2.25 18 inches high \$2.25 24 inches high \$2.90 36 inches high \$4.25	Window Blinds 3 ft. wide, 6 ft. long, mounted on good spring rollers, complete with bracket, nails and pull, for 45¢
Magazine Stands, \$6.30 Solid Oak Magazine Stand, with 4 shelves; top can be used as a table if desired; it is a most useful piece of furniture for library or den; comes in fumed oak only \$6.30	Jardiniere Stands, \$1.75 Solid oak, in fumed finish, thoroughly strong and neat appearing. Only \$1.75	White Bedroom Dresser, \$10.75 Just the thing for the girl's room; it has 3 deep drawers and large mirror, beautiful white enamel finish. Only \$10.75
Complete Dining Room Outfit \$38.95 Fine Polished Table, extending to 6 ft., \$9.90 Buffet, with 3 drawers and cupboard, large British plate mirror and a shelf at back, a dandy 16.65 Set of 6 Dining Chairs to match, including arm chair, very strong 12.40 Outfit complete \$38.95	Kitchen Cabinet, \$15.00 That will save thousands of steps—has a place for everything—bins, 3 drawers, 2 bake cupboards, white spruce top. Cupboard attachment has three shelves, 3 spice drawers, all thoroughly dust proof behind two large glass doors. For \$15.00	Nice Arm Rockers, \$2.60 A lasting gift, useful for everybody. Very strongly made. Only \$2.60
Mahogany Secretary, \$12.25 Most suitable gift for lady, has deep drawer for writing material and inside lockers for correspondence. Chair to match. For only \$4.50	Children's Rockers, \$1.35 A splendid, strong, Arm Rocking Chair. Only \$1.35	Bedroom Table, \$1.80 Very handy Bedroom Table, top 24 in. square, with tray under for books, etc. Strong, made and nicely polished. Only \$1.80
Sets of Carvers, \$2.60 Set of Sheffield Carvers, in neat plush lined case. A most suitable gift, up from \$2.60	Glass Berry Sets, \$2.25 A splendid and most useful gift, comprising glass bowl, half dozen berry dishes, with cream and sugar to match. 9 pieces for only \$2.25	Sectional Bookcase, \$21.50 Most useful present for book-lovers, can be added to as the library grows. Other bookcases in fumed oak at \$18.75 and \$21.50
Pure Feather Pillows Pure Feather Pillows, with goose featherproof ticking, size 19 by 26 inches, only 75¢	A Brass Bed, All Felt Mattress, and Coil Spring for \$25.00 Figure it out as you like, you are bound to admit this is a bargain. The bed has 2-inch posts and a neat filling. Outfit complete \$25.00	97-Piece Dinner Set, \$11.25 We have a splendid selection of Stock Pattern Dinner Sets, in all the latest designs, ranging from \$11.25 to \$16.00. These make a most useful gift. Buy early now the stock is complete.
Buy Mother a New Parlor Carpet, \$10.00 What could be more appreciated than after your Xmas dinner to step into the parlor on to a nice new carpet? Buy it for mother and cheer the whole house. We have them up from \$10.00	Solid Oak Secretary, \$19.75 A really first-class Secretary, with every modern convenience, deep drawers in front and complete inside fittings. Solid Oak Chair to match \$5.25	Children's Sets, \$2.70 Table and two small chairs and one arm chair, in golden fir. Priced at \$2.70
Bed, Spring and Mattress The Bedstead is 4 ft. 6 in. wide, with good strong frame and angle iron, neatly designed fillings. Spring is made with a heavy frame fitted with woven wire mesh, supported by woven wire cables and steel supports. Mattress has cotton top, covered with heavy quality ticking. The Bedstead, complete for \$8.25	Buy the Home a New Kitchen Linoleum, \$7.00 A New Linoleum would only cost about \$7.00 to \$8.00, and what brightness it would add to the home? We have a splendid selection of patterns. Printed Linoleum, per sq. yd. 45¢ Inlaid, 90¢ , \$1.15 and \$1.35	Child's Crib, With Mattress, Complete, \$9.50 Crib has adjustable side good quality spring, and Restmore mattress.
Easy Chairs for Christmas Giving, \$10.00 An article that reminds one of the giver all the year round. We have a splendid selection of Easy Chairs from \$10.00 See our Morris' Chairs, Grandfather Chairs, etc. Buy now. Our stock is complete.	Scotch Blankets, \$6.50 Genuine Scotch Wool Blankets, direct from Dunfermline, the light warm kind. Splendid range from pair, \$6.50 to \$10.00	China Tea Set, \$3.15 21-piece China Tea Set, including one-half dozen cups and saucers; one-half dozen tea plates, cake plate, cream and sugar, 21 pieces, complete for \$3.15
Dresser and Washstand In golden and early English finishes. Dresser has three large drawers and plate glass mirror; washstand with dr. or and good size cup-board. The pair \$13.75 Dresser alone for only \$9.75	Glass Carving Rests, 25¢ English Glass Carving Rests, keeps the carving knife and fork from soiling the cloth. Only, each 25¢	Club Together and Get a New Set of Dining Chairs or fumed, at \$36.00 Solid Oak Sets of Chairs, with genuine leather seats, in fumed or golden oak, from, per set of 6, only \$22.50
What About a Dining Table? The low rent we pay on Pandora Ave. enables us to sell these at extremely good values. Pedestal Dining Tables, extending to 6 ft., from \$11.50 All qualities and styles in stock.	THE SCRAP OF PAPER Recruiting Committee Issues Reproduction of Chief Clause in and Signatures to Famous Document. A striking leaflet has been issued by the parliamentary recruiting committee in England. This bears in colors a reproduction of the signatures and seals attached to the famous "scrap of paper" the sanctity of	which—and of all other "scraps of paper" of a similar character—is being defended by the British empire at the present time. On the reverse is a reproduction in facsimile of the articles of the treaty of April 19, 1839, which guarantees the neutrality and integrity of Belgium, confirming a treaty made in 1815. There is also quoted the recent message from King Albert of Belgium to King George: "God will surely help our armies to avenge the atrocities committed on peaceful citizens, and against a country whose only crime has been that she refused to be false to her engagements." The signatures of the six plenipotentiaries who signed the treaty are those of Palmeter, for the United Kingdom; Sybil van de Weyer, for Belgium; Senff, for Austria; H. Sebastiani, for France; Buelow, for Prussia; and Porro di Borno, for Russia. The English translation of Article VII of the treaty reads: "Belgium, within the limits indicated in Articles I, II and IV, shall form an independent and perpetually neutral state. She

Standard Furniture Co.

731-3 Pandora Avenue

Just Out of the High-Rental District

Just Above Douglas

LEFT DESTITUTE AND PENNILESS BY LOSS

Sad Stories of Dominion Trust Company Depositors, Who Relied on Government

Stories of the plight of depositors of the Dominion Trust company are coming to light every day, and emphasize what a weak reed the government of this province, and especially the attorney-general's department, is for the public to depend upon to protect their interests.

A committee of depositors is getting in touch with all those in the province with a view to forming a strong committee from all quarters to wait upon the premier, the attorney-general and the minister of finance to press for a measure of relief, and in the course of this many instances of positive destitution as a result of the sweeping away of the savings of the thrifty are coming to light. Some of these tales are most distressful, and cannot fail to have their effect in bringing home to the people of British Columbia how inefficient the McBride-Bower government is in safeguarding the rights of the province and its inhabitants.

A few days ago a woman walked into Vancouver from South Vancouver to sign the petition for relief. She had had nearly \$2,000 on deposit with the company, which she was counting on to pay off a mortgage on a piece of property which is valued at \$18,000. This falls due at the end of January, and she is now confronted with the likelihood of foreclosure and the loss of her property in spite of her carelessness and provision for the payment of what she owes. She is so completely penniless that she had not five cents to pay carfare with; and had to walk in all the distance. Rather than accept assistance she insisted upon walking back all the way home. If foreclosure takes place she will be absolutely beggared by the failure of the company.

Another case is that of a young married man with a small family who had saved up over one thousand dollars for the possible "rainy day," this being the savings he was able to get together over the expenses of his home. The rainy day came with the closing down of the firm where he was employed, and he now finds himself without savings or position, and with not one cent to fall back upon for the needs of his family, while his prospects of finding work are very small at present. In writing to the committee, he says: "I would not have put my savings in the company if the men forming the board of directors had not all been reputable business and professional men of this city, in whom I naturally had every confidence."

As many of the unfortunate depositors are penniless they cannot afford to go to the expense of coming over here, although the stories they could tell would be the best evidence there could be in support of the prayer of the petition which is to be presented to the government. It is the request of the committee that all depositors who can give a donation towards the expenses of this deputation should do so to J. S. Cowper, the secretary of the committee, at the Province office, Vancouver, who will acknowledge all donations.

The deputation will be made up of depositors from this city, Vancouver, Nanaimo and New Westminster, and possibly from other points in the interior.

THE SCRAP OF PAPER

Recruiting Committee Issues Reproduction of Chief Clause in and Signatures to Famous Document.

A striking leaflet has been issued by the parliamentary recruiting committee in England. This bears in colors a reproduction of the signatures and seals attached to the famous "scrap of paper" the sanctity of

LIQUIDATOR'S SALE

The Immense Stock of Very Highest Grades of

Men's and Women's SHOES

at 747 Yates Street

Between Drysdale's and Gordon's

Is Being Closed Out By the Assignee

Who orders all goods sold and store closed 31st inst. We have only seven more business days in which to do this, and prices have been cut in half in order to make its accomplishment certain. The loss will be very heavy, but the creditors want it closed up.

IT IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. DO NOT NEGLECT IT.
SAVE MONEY

THE C. E. McKEEN SHOE STORES CO., LTD.

In Liquidation

It happened at the state convention of the Progressives. A quiet-spoken man near one of the doors arose and inquired if there happened to be a Christian scientist among the assemblage. In answer to his question a lady left her seat and wended her way to the man. "I am a Christian science teacher," she said. "What can I do for you?" "If you do not mind changing seats with me, I would appreciate it very much," hesitatingly replied the man. "This draught is not very good for my cold."

In announcing that a certain Connecticut town intended to increase its water supply the local weekly contained the information that it would "build a watershed covering fifty acres." One of the town officials, a building contractor, who naturally favored the "shed," was severely criticized by a fellow-townsmen thusly: "Twili be a tarnation shame, by heck, ef Ezekiel Billin's gits the job of puttin' a shed over fifty acres of water, I'm ag'in it, tooth an' nail. Zeke's got sufficient outen the town already."

Carefully Abelard Wilks scanned the fair countryside for a suitable spot. After much thought he stuck his easel up, got on his paints and started. Obvious to his surroundings, he was suddenly startled to see a red-faced perspiring motorist at his side. "Don't put another stroke to it," urged the newcomer. "I'll give you \$5 for it as it stands." Something in Abelard Wilks snapped. "It—it is very kind of you," he stammered, "but it's not quite finished." "Don't matter one jot," said he of the motor garb, as he got his money out, "I only want the canvas to mend a burst tire."

734 Yates Street CREDITOR'S CLOSING SALE of the S. SHELTON'S STOCK 734 Yates Street

It's absolutely necessary to reduce this stock. Creditors demand their payment in full by the end of the year, and with that in view we have cut prices all to pieces in order to get rid of this mammoth stock. It's going quickly, but there is lots yet for Christmas buyers. Get down on Wednesday morning early. Note our special list here. Hundreds of other bargains just as good and better await you.

Women's Suits and Coats

WOMEN'S COATS

Just the kind of Coats that you are looking for right now; three-quarter and full-length. Heavy lined Coats; all sizes. Regular price up to \$20. Sale price, each **\$3.50**

MISSSES' COATS AT SALE PRICES

25 only, Misses' Tweed Coats go on sale Wednesday morning at slaughtered prices. They are of tweed cloths, also serges, heavy winter weight, in big assortment of colors and sizes. Coats worth up to \$10.00. Sale Wednesday, each **\$2.95**

SUIT SPECIALS

Ladies' Tweed Suits in regular sizes. They come in good quality materials. Suits worth in the regular way \$12 to \$16.50. **\$2.95**

SPECIAL SUIT SALE

Regular \$25, now \$4.95. Women's Suits. They come in heavy tweeds and plain cloths. Coats of medium length, skirts are good width. These will go quickly no doubt as the prices are very low. **\$4.95**
On sale at

Child's Coats, Millinery and Furs

CHILDREN'S AND INFANTS' COATS

They come in bear cloth, corded velvets and English serges; white only. Every Coat subject to a liberal discount. Coats worth in the regular way at \$4.00, now **\$2.95**
Coats worth \$4.50, now **\$3.25**
Coats worth \$5.00, now **\$3.45**

CHILD'S HATS

They come in white fur, white velvets, white silk and satin. All go at one-third the regular price.

MILLINERY TRIMMINGS

All go at big reductions. Tweed Hats up from **25¢**

CHILDREN'S COATS

Priced very low for this week. For Wednesday we are offering one hundred Coats in assorted styles and colors, made of heavy English serges; all dainty little Coats, too, which have been sold in the regular way for \$2.50, \$2.85, \$3.25 to \$4.50. Our Wednesday sale price, each **\$1.25**

Special Sale Women's Underskirts

WOMEN'S MOIRE UNDERSKIRTS

They come in black only with a fine silky finish, with narrow frill and pleating. These Skirts are worth any day \$5.00. Our sale price **\$3.45**

BLACK SATEN UNDERSKIRTS

50 only, fine black saten quality with deep pleated frill. The quality of these Skirts is superior to the regular \$1.25 skirt. Our sale price, each **70¢**

HEATHERBLOOM UNDERSKIRTS

These come in range of colors and black; also a line of Satin Underskirts in the lot. Special price, each **\$1.50**

Xmas Novelties and Staple Goods

HOSIERY, RIBBONS, HANDKERCHIEFS

Special Line Women's White Muslin Handkerchiefs. Price, 7 for **25¢**
Childs' Picture Handkerchiefs, 7 for **25¢**
Men's Handkerchiefs, large size, with deep hemstitched border. Special, 3 for **25¢**
Childs' Fine Cashmere Hose, all sizes. Price, per pair **25¢**
Women's Cashmere Hose, fine quality. Price, 3 pairs for **\$1.00**
Men's Fine Black Cashmere Sox. Special at, per pair, 50¢ and **35¢**
Ribbons, fine assorted stock. Our prices have been cut in two. A good time to buy your supply.

VELVETEENS AT SALE PRICE WEDNESDAY

Heavy Cord Velveteen, and good width, in colors of tan, cardinal, green and navy. Regular 75¢ per yard. Our sale price **45¢**

FANCY LINENS

Table Covers, size 36x36, fine Damask cloths, in assorted patterns; worth \$1.25. Price, special, each **55¢**

Furs at Clearing Prices

WHITE FUR SETS

With long stole or cape effects and large pillow muff to match. Sets worth \$16.50. Now **\$9.75**
Marmot Stoles, very long and wide. Regular \$16.00. Now **\$10.50**
Coon Set with wide ruff and pillow muff; beautifully marked. Regular price \$55.00. Sale price **\$35.00**

SPORTING NEWS

BAYLEY AND CLUNE MAY CLASH SOON

STAR BOUTS FOR TO-MORROW'S TOURNEY

Scotty McKay Wires That He Will Again Meet Stewart; V. I. A. A. Elect Officers for 1915

Joe Bayley may be given a chance to wrest the Canadian lightweight title from Charlie Burns early next month. Harry Fisher, who is handling the affairs of the champion, will be in the city to-morrow and a bout will probably be arranged.

Bayley has another bout in view, Jack Clune, of Australia, who is at present sweeping the mainland. Joe is now awaiting a reply from Billy Walton, promoter of the Hastings club, of Vancouver. Should Joe box Clune, Cyclone Scott and Ernie Barrieau will meet on the same evening. Barrieau wrote Scott, saying everything was ready, and now the Cyclone is awaiting news from the promoter.

Scotty McKay will be on hand for to-morrow night's opening boxing tourney under the auspices of the Vancouver Island A. A. A. This little fellow wired the management of the club yesterday that he would be down for the contests and he will go on against the only local boxer who has a decision against him, this being the Albert Head heavy-weight, Jim Stewart. The pair put on a sweltering clash here last week at the patriotic boxing tourney and will no doubt pull a big house to-morrow night.

In addition to this, Al. Davies states that he will be fit and ready at 115 lbs. for Ross, of Vancouver. This boy defeated Davies at Vancouver three weeks ago and here again the chances are that the fables will be turned. Lieut. Wheeler, of the Uster Brigade, who leaves Victoria this week for the front, and Sergt. Shaw, of the National Reserve, will put on a bayonet-sword duel that should prove interesting. The Jap wrestlers and fencers from H. I. J. M. cruiser will again appear.

Boxing tournaments will be held by the V. I. A. A. every week, according to the season's programme, which was laid down by the board of directors of this club at their annual meeting last night in the Douglas street club rooms. Social nights will also be prepared and the officers will endeavor to bring the members closer together. The reduction of the membership rates to one dollar has induced a great number of the soldiers at the Willows to sign the membership roll, the club being in a fairly good position financially.

Jesse M. Warren was elected president at last night's gathering. L. Fullard, Leo being chosen vice-president. Billy Davies will again look after the management of the club, the board of directors being: President, Jesse M. Warren; vice-president, L. Fullard; Leo; superintendent, Wm. H. Davies; board of management, Joe Gorman, Geo. Warren, J. H. Kelley, R. V. Gray, J. B. Collier, A. Hawthorneswall, Sid Winsky, Dal Thomas, Dr. Vye, W. S. Le Grande, Wm. Rodgers, Harry Leding.

INTER-CITY BOUTS



BILLY DAVIES

Superintendent of the Vancouver Island A. A. A. who was again elected to that post last night for another year. Davies states that he has one of the finest cards he ever drew up for to-morrow night's inter-city boxing tourney at the Victoria theatre.

PATRIOTIC RUGBY

GAME FOR SATURDAY

Soldiers Called to Win Over Rugby Union Fifteen; Officials Chosen

That the soldiers will defeat Victoria's Rugby representatives in Saturday's benefit game at Oak Bay, was the opinion expressed this morning by a prominent follower of Rugby in the capital. "I look for the greater experience and weight of the Willows team to be the determining factors in this clash," continued the local sportsman, "and I will be greatly surprised if the lighter representative team are in better condition than the hard-working laddies who are now in training for the more sterner duties in the battlefields of Europe."

Secretary Nicholson still asserts that youth and speed are the winning factors against experience and weight, and Saturday's game will be all the more interesting in view of the varied opinions. The Rep. team will have three changes in the lineup of Saturday last, while Team Captain Spencer, who is looking after the Willows team, will have a wealth of material from which to make his selection. The city team will be weakened by the loss of Hill and Hendra, while Sanson cannot play because of a couple of cracked ribs. Finlayson, Chalk and Gray will be the substitutes.

It will be possible for the soldiers to field a team, every man of whom has seen several years of inter-city matches, while a number of them have played international Rugby in the Old Country. Spencer will be available for full back, Martin, Gallher, Meredith and Grant look a winning three-quarter line, while Gillespie, Heinke, Blaney, Scott, Carstairs and a host of others are available to complete a very formidable looking Rugby aggregation. A. H. Hill will referee, with Messrs. Spalding and Palmer as line-men. The game will start at 3 o'clock sharp and a general admission of twenty-five cents will be charged, this including the grand stand.

The Union "Rep." team is as follows: Fullback, A. Knox (Welsh); three-quarters, F. Naason, C. Vincent, Alf Adams (Bays); and C. Kilpatrick (Unionist); five-eighths, A. C. Chalk; halves, W. Newcombe (Capt.), and Joe Shires (Bays); forwards, Arthur Adams, A. Griffiths, D. Gray, S. Rees (Welsh), C. Sedger, H. Ross, J. B. MacLachlan (vice-capt.) (Bays). Reserves: Backs, S. James (Welsh), and T. Heyland (Bays). Forwards—C. Sanson, T. Norris (Bays).

SMALL WILL PLAY AT PORTLAND

ROWE AND MORRIS ON SICK LIST

Rosebuds Sign Up Connie Benson for Defence; Skating Programme for Xmas Day

Walter Small will be available for Victoria's game at Portland next Saturday night, according to an announcement by Lester Patrick this morning. The veteran right-wing has been sorely missed by the champions and with Small back in the game, the locals have better than an even chance to cop the game in the Rosebuds' camp. Bobby Rowe is laid up with a severe cold, and it is doubtful whether or not he will be able to make the trip, while Bernie Morris' bad heel is again troubling him. The champions will work out again to-night against an all-star amateur septette and the management hope to have them in the best of shape for the Portland fixture.

Word has been received from Portland to the effect that Connie Benson, the Winnipeg boy, who starred in the Boundary league last season, had been signed by the "Yanks." Benson is a big fellow, very fast and is expected to fit in nicely at point, allowing Tobin to go up on the line. He will also be available to take Moose Johnson's place, should the latter's fractured paw make it impossible for him to continue playing.

Manager Patrick announces that a special musical programme has been arranged for the three skating sessions on Xmas Day. Bandmaster Rowlands has arranged a list of patriotic and special airs that will give the holiday skaters a musical treat.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The Ontarios put through a deal whereby Percy Lesueur, the Ottawa goalie, comes here in exchange for Fred Lake. Ottawa needed a defence player badly, and parted with Lesueur, Gildner, the Wharton defence man, will turn out with the Ontarios. Bert Hunt, of last year's team, is another to arrive in town.

"Cyclone" Taylor, the famous Vancouver rover, has taken charge of the Vancouver Ladies' Hockey club, and is after games with the Victoria Ladies' club. The Terminal star has written to the sporting editor of the Times asking for dates, and there is every probability that the Vancouver team will be brought here early in January for the first of the inter-city matches. Taylor is willing to have the Victoria team play at Vancouver if the locals wish their first game away from home, or he will bring his club here. Westminster carried off the ladies' provincial hockey honors last year, beating Victoria and Vancouver. There is just a chance that Portland Ladies will start up a club, in which case the local team will make a trip to the Rose City.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—In the charity game at the Arena Saturday night the champions Toronto were held to a tie by the Ontario-Ottawa team. The score was 6 to 6. Gerard was the pick of the forward line. Lesueur started for the Ontarios and played his usual good game. Denning, of Cornwall, will likely secure a place with the Ontarios. The absence of Davidson left a hole in the Toronto defence, which will be hard to fill. A fair sum was realized for the unemployed of Ottawa and Toronto, the attendance being 2,000.

BOGEY COMPETITION FOR THE HOLIDAY

Victoria golfers will take part in a "bogey" competition at the Oak Bay links on Christmas Day, the contest being in the nature of a sweep. On Saturday the mixed foursomes will be started. Entries for both these competitions may now be made.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—J. R. Smith was the winner of the monthly medal competition over the Vancouver Golf and Country club's links at Burquitlam. W. M. MacLachlan turned in the best score, but as he had previously won the medal competition the prize went to the next best card. Although the city golf links are decorated with a covering of the white mantle the Burquitlam course was in almost perfect shape, the conditions being most agreeable. The final for the monthly medal will be played off early in the spring. The winners of the monthly medal during the year are as follows: January—F. H. Hepburn. February—C. S. Battle. March—W. M. MacLachlan. April—J. R. Smith. May—J. C. Milne. June—W. C. Swan. July—W. J. Robinson. August—A. Salrine. September—J. A. Yellowlee. October—C. Winslow. November—H. C. Adams. December—J. R. Smith.

CUP DRAW

London, Dec. 22.—The draw for the first round of the English Football association cup to be played January 9, on the grounds of the first named club, was made yesterday as follows:

Westham United vs. Newcastle United; Everton vs. Barnsley; Burnley vs. Huddersfield Town; Bolton Wanderers vs. Notts County; Liverpool vs. Stockport County; Hull City vs. West Bromwich Albion; Birmingham vs. Crystal Palace; Sheffield Wednesday vs. Manchester United; Preston North End vs. Manchester City; Reading vs. Wolverhampton Wanderers; Aston Villa vs. Exeter City; South Shields vs. Fulham; Bury vs. Plymouth Argyle; Gillingham vs. Middlesbrough; Blackpool vs. Sheffield United; Derby County vs. Leeds City; Queen's Park Rangers vs. Glossop; Merthyr Town vs. The Arsenal; Croydon Common vs. Oldham Athletic; Bristol City vs. Cardiff City; Darlington vs. Bradford City; Bristol Rovers vs. South End United; Bradford vs. Portsmouth; Swindon Town vs. Chelsea; Grimsby Town vs. Northampton; Swansea Town vs. Blackburn Rovers; Rochdale vs. Gillingham; Millwall Athletic vs. Clapton Orient; Tottenham Hotspur vs. Sunderland; Southampton vs. Luton Town; Brighton and Hove Albion vs. Lincoln City; Nottingham Forest vs. Norwich City.

Phoenix Stout, dozen pints, 75c.

WELTERWEIGHT TO CLASH WITH HEAVYWEIGHT



SCOTTY MCKAY

Victoria's favorite amateur ring performer who will again be seen in action at the Victoria theatre to-morrow night. McKay is not a stickler for weights and though but a legitimate welterweight, will appear to-morrow night against Jim Stewart, the Albert Head heavyweight. Stewart gained the decision by an eye lash margin at the Patriotic Tourney and it will be the return bout. It's only one of a slashing fine boxing programme.

Men value these gifts this year

Colored Collars
Shirts
Cravats

The Vogue
Jooke Bros. Limited

MADE IN CANADA

OLD COUNTRY SOCCER LEADERS

English League—Division I.				Southern League.			
P.	W.	L.	D.	P.	W.	L.	D.
1	11	2	2	1	11	2	2
2	8	5	2	2	8	5	2
3	8	5	2	3	8	5	2
4	8	5	2	4	8	5	2
5	8	5	2	5	8	5	2
6	8	5	2	6	8	5	2
7	8	5	2	7	8	5	2
8	8	5	2	8	8	5	2
9	8	5	2	9	8	5	2
10	8	5	2	10	8	5	2
11	8	5	2	11	8	5	2
12	8	5	2	12	8	5	2
13	8	5	2	13	8	5	2
14	8	5	2	14	8	5	2
15	8	5	2	15	8	5	2
16	8	5	2	16	8	5	2
17	8	5	2	17	8	5	2
18	8	5	2	18	8	5	2
19	8	5	2	19	8	5	2
20	8	5	2	20	8	5	2
21	8	5	2	21	8	5	2
22	8	5	2	22	8	5	2
23	8	5	2	23	8	5	2
24	8	5	2	24	8	5	2
25	8	5	2	25	8	5	2
26	8	5	2	26	8	5	2
27	8	5	2	27	8	5	2
28	8	5	2	28	8	5	2
29	8	5	2	29	8	5	2
30	8	5	2	30	8	5	2

is sure of permanent berth with Sammy Lichtenheim's Royals.

Northwestern Managers.
Seattle.—Frank Raymond.
Vancouver.—Bob Brown.
Tacoma.—Russell Hall.
Victoria.—Martin Nye.
Barnes' club.—Charley Stis.

ONLY THREE TEAMS VANCOUVER LEAGUE

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Three teams now comprise the membership of the B. C. Amateur Hockey association. During the last few days the Bankers

and Columbia teams of this city have withdrawn from the organization owing to the fact that they have been unable to gather together teams. The B. C. have been reorganized and that team will now take the place of the two Vancouver clubs. The league will now embrace the B. C. of this city and the Beavers and Fraser—Mills teams of New Westminster.

There will be no Commercial league hockey matches to-night because of the fact that most of the teams have their players working at night to handle the holiday rush. It is likely that this will also affect the City league matches scheduled for Friday night.

GREAT INTEREST IN BILLIARD LEAGUE

St. James Won Odd Game From Broad Street Five; Locals Class High

Great interest is being taken in the City Billiard League matches for the Purdom and Watts trophy. The lead that the Broad street players established in their match with the Metropolis team is not such a big one in view of the fact that the champion Richardson quintette are right on their heels. The Westholme team have a fine lot of cue artists, and they, too, will be worth watching. Two matches a week are played and breaks of under 20 are common in these games. Melbourne Inman once said on a visit to the capital that the class of billiards taken all round, played in Victoria, was as good as anywhere in the world. This is a big boost for the local cue experts, but their showing in the recent matches would justify this claim.

The great variety of shots that present themselves in the English style of billiards at once appeals to the lover of this sport, though the cannons are also a mighty important factor in the scoring. The pocket billiard star will also find that his "putting" ability comes in handy in sinking the red ball, so that English billiards combines American billiards and pocket billiards for an ideal international game.

Points are thus scored: For a cannon or white hazard, two; for a red hazard, three. If more than one hazard or a combination of hazards and cannon, be made by the same stroke, all are scored. Thus for a cannon and white hazard or for two white hazards four points are scored. For a cannon and red hazard, five points; for two red hazards or for a cannon and two white hazards, six points, and so on, the maximum score for a single stroke being 15 points. When a losing hazard is combined with a cannon it shall be scored two or three points, according to whether the white or red was first struck simultaneously and striker's ball enters a pocket, two points only are scored for the losing hazard. For a miss, the non-striker shall add one to his score; if in consequence of a miss the strikers ball goes into a pocket (generally known as running a ball).

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Vancouver Will Have to Be Headed.

While the Terranals undoubtedly are getting the benefit of a very fine schedule, St. Griffiths has his team traveling at top speed right now, and it is up to the Victoria club to come through with a couple of wins if they wish to hang onto their P. C. H. A. title. The Millionaires have copped three in a row, and as they play the champions the end of this month at the Willows, the local septette will have to be right on their toes unless they wish to go down in the first round of the triple schedule. Vancouver are winning mainly because of their superior defensive game. In three games a total of but nine goals have been registered against them. This means that their forwards only have to get an average of four goals to win. Fielder Jones' baseball maxim is that if you get one run, the other fellow has to get two to beat you. In other words, a strong defensive line in many cases cover up a comparatively weak attack. This appears to be the case with the Vancouver team.

Northwestern League Clubs Will Be Stronger This Year.

Despite the reduction of the salary limit, the decision of the Northwestern league directors to hold to a \$2,500 monthly wage should be a big factor in improving the grade of ball players who will appear on the Northwestern circuit next season. The magnates will be forced to secure younger players, and in this respect they will be acting wisely, for the veteran ball player never made money for a class B club. Just imagine what a bunch of dead timber Victoria had two years ago when Albert Fitzgerald, Red Toner, Meek, Lynch, Kowalsky, Cream, Brooks, and a couple of others were the spacers of the local club. This year the Bees will start out with a mixture of youngsters and veterans, the betting being better than even that this combination tops the vets percentage by an even hundred points in the league standing, if they do not cop the championship.

REGIMENT V. RESERVES

Fiftieth Highlanders and Reserve Battalion Shot at the Ranges.

The weekly practice of the 50th Highlanders reserve battalion at the ranges was continued last Saturday afternoon by an interesting match between six of its best shots and six of the officers of the regiment, a challenge for which had been received from the latter earlier in the week.

This match, which was shot in a tricky (fistful) wind, resulted in a victory for the reserve battalion with a handsome lead of 24 points. The reserve team's average was 82 out of a possible 70, which was considered highly creditable, especially as several members of the team only commenced rifle shooting with the formation of the battalion last September. This battalion now desires to shoot a team of six or eight men against a similar number drawn from the whole regiment. The scores of the respective teams were as follows:

Reserve Battalion.		200	500
Yds. Yds. Tl.			
Capt. Gillespie	33	34	67
E. W. Ismay	32	32	64
F. P. Pickard	29	34	63
W. Shilcock	31	30	61
Instructor Williams	30	31	61
F. H. Mayhew	30	29	59

Officers of Regiment.		200	500
Yds. Yds. Tl.			
Lieut. R. H. B. Ker	31	34	65
Lieut. F. Richardson	29	34	63
Lieut. T. G. Thomas	31	30	61
Lieut. Tapley	30	30	60
Lieut. Monteith	28	30	58
Lieut. Turnbull	28	22	50

The gold button was won this week by

The Colbert

PLUMBING & HEATING CO. LTD.

now at
755 Broughton St.
Phone 552.

E. W. Ismay, G. H. Pethick (taking the silver button in B class, and H. S. Edgar the bronze button in C class. The following are the scores:

A Class.		200	500
Yds. Yds. Tl.			
Capt. Gillespie	33	34	67
E. W. Ismay	32	32	64
F. P. Pickard	29	34	63
G. H. Walton	31	30	61
W. Shilcock	31	30	61
Instructor Williams	30	31	61
Sgt. Mayhew	30	29	59
H. J. Goddes	28	27	55
C. H. Elliott	27	25	52

B Class.		200	500
Yds. Yds. Tl.			
G. H. Pethick	28	28	56
L. E. Cowan	29	24	53
R. White	29	22	51
J. Wright	25	26	51
J. Hibberson	28	22	50
C. R. Bagshaw	20	23	43

C Class.		200	500
Yds. Yds. Tl.			
H. S. Edgar	28	27	55
S. Irving	27	27	54
A. F. Mitchell	22	30	52
S. Hodgkinson	21	30	51
J. D. Hallam	28	23	51
C. B. Jones	21	30	51
H. Warburton	25	24	49
A. B. Morkill	22	25	47
R. Sherriff	22	22	44
W. H. Wilson	25	22	47
E. S. Cooke	21	24	45
J. Rogers	26	19	45
W. A. Bain	24	20	44
J. E. May	27	15	42
A. M. Duncan	22	19	41
H. A. Ismay	22	19	41
J. Wood	22	18	40
A. T. Hunkin	22	18	40
G. H. Fedden	15	21	36
H. P. Greenwood	10	16	26
E. J. Lindsay	17	18	35
A. B. Eller	24	18	42
J. C. Gillespie	18	19	37

PRESENTATIONS MADE

Volunteer Reserve Recognizes Work Done by Instructors: Practice in Trenches.

There was a large turnout of the men of the Victoria volunteer reserve at the parade in the drill hall last evening. The men were put through the various movements of the drill and battalion evolutions, and performed all with a great smartness and soldierly bearing. At the close of the parade there was a pleasant little function, when the services of the instructors of the reserve were recognized by the presentation of gifts on behalf of the officers and men.

Company Sergeant-Major Caven was given a handsome clock and Sergeant W. O. Thompson, of the Fifth Regiment, a case of pipes.

Captain W. H. Langley, who made the presentations for the reserve, spoke of the great obligations the officers and men alike were under to both non-commissioned officers for the time they had devoted and the amount of zeal they had shown in the drilling of the companies, and he pointed to the excellent state of the battalion in that regard as proof of the value of the work done by them.

Both recipients responded briefly, expressing their sense of the kindness of their fellow-soldiers, but modestly disclaiming having done anything but their duty.

Practice in the digging of trenches, which the men hope to have a chance to do in real warfare before many months are over, was given to the men of the 50th battalion of the overseas force yesterday by their commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall. The men were furnished with spades and were sent forward in open skirmishing order against an imaginary enemy. At the word they took cover, throwing up hastily constructed trenches in which they took shelter from the supposed hail of bullets which was being directed against them. The movement was continued from point to point, and the distance the men were able to advance thus surprised themselves. They dug like moles the moment the word was given, and so effectively that most of them were safe from shell fire as well as rifle fire in a few minutes in deep trenches.

A former member of the George Arliss company, Harold B. Wolferstan Thomas, is now probably back in the firing line in France. Mr. Thomas was recalled to England at the outbreak of the war and rejoined his old regiment. Writing to Mr. Arliss in a letter which was received while the company was playing in Sacramento, from hospital in Oxford, Mr. Thomas gives some details of the fighting he had seen.

He was wounded during the battle of the Marne, after an arduous experience in the field, and was taken to England for treatment. He was wounded in the back and breast by a Maxim bullet which caught him from the left as he was advancing, hitting him under the right shoulder and going under the body. He says the troops had very hard marching during that part of the campaign, but were very cheerful through it all.

The Germans ran after the battle of the Marne, their desultory attack and abandoned equipment and supplies being strewn around. "The Germans will not stand about the British in the open," Mr. Thomas writes, "and when they have tried to do so they have lost heavily."

SAANICH SCHOOLBOYS

MAKE CHRISTMAS TOYS

Manual-Training Department Doing Splendid Work Under Mr. Campbell

The children of Saanich schools have given over one hundred handsome toys to the benevolent societies of the district for distribution as Christmas gifts among the poor children of the Peninsula. The notable thing about the gift, however, is that the toys were all made by the boys and girls themselves, and comprise about eight designs which include go-cycles, children's wheelbarrows, dump-carts, dray wagons, rocking-horse chairs and other splendidly practical gifts which in most instances will stand the wear and tear of several generations of small boys and girls.

This collection of toys was assembled yesterday at Mount Tolmie school, Bolerbrook road, where they were viewed by Mrs. H. E. Young, who was enthusiastic about the splendid practical instruction which the boys of the day are permitted to obtain in the schools. For the use of tools and the principles of carpentry are two of the most useful lessons in a country which is yet in the making.

It is just about two and a half years since Mr. Campbell, who taught for nearly 20 years in the schools of Victoria, took over the newly-organized department of manual training in the Saanich schools. In the intervening time he has accomplished wonders. In the five centres at which work rooms have been fitted up he teaches about two hundred and forty boys each week, each class being about two and a half or three hours in duration. The training is compulsory, but no compulsion is required for the use of tools is almost as old as Adam, and has become almost a race instinct. The only thing left to the teacher is to train the instinct along the most direct and efficient lines, and this Mr. Campbell does with phenomenal success. As evidenced in the neatly and strongly-constructed toys turned out by the boys of the various schools during the past six weeks.

It was once maintained by Mr. Campbell that his classes could do in one year as much as most of the classes in the city schools could do in two. Without actually stating the case, he holds that they are keeping up their splendid record. The interest of the lads in their work may be strengthened by the more practical need of such knowledge in their home lives. The boy on the farm sees the use of tools every hour of the day, and even if this district is not one in which the inner agricultural impulses may be found in great numbers, it is all the more reason to assume that the smaller equipment will be the more in use. Implements such as are required on the big wheat farms require mechanics for their manipulation. Poultry ranching requires more the skill of the carpenter. Mr. Campbell does not permit his boys merely to use the tools; they are taught to be critical. The department has placed at their command neat little workbenches with appliances made of the best steel, properly constructed, so that, when the boy leaves school, he is a judge of tools, and could choose his own carpenter's outfit with a knowledge of the quality of the material he was purchasing. This is a decidedly practical feature of the training in itself, and when added to the knowledge of the use of the tools themselves gives the lads a very practical start in life.

The new work in the country schools impressed the department, and in the benefit of the classes Mr. Campbell was given a motor car in which he collects his pupils from the more distant schools and drives them to the "centre" in their district. The result is that every third and fourth reader boy in Saanich is taking the training. The "centres" and the schools which they serve are as follows: Craig school, Strawberry Vale and Craig; Tolmie school, McKenzie avenue and Mount Tolmie; Cedar Hill school, Cadboro Bay, Gordon Head, North Dairy and Cedar Hill; Royal Oak school, Prospect lake, Elk Lake and Royal Oak; South Saanich; Saanichton; Saanich, Keating and South Saanich. Toys, of course, do not represent the whole class-work. It is only during the past six weeks, and in view of the approaching Christmas season that this work was taken up. But the making of these requires the application of most of the principles which are acquired in the two years' training, the same principles entering into the construction of anything from a chair to a house.

A number of toy beds made by the boys were fitted up by some of the girls from the domestic science departments of the Saanich schools, neatly-stitched mattresses, hemmed sheets, blankets and covers, and tiny feather pillows with pillow-cases completing the very attractive set occupied by Miss Dollie. There will be some glad little hearts when the presents reach their destination on Christmas morning. The rocking-horse chairs and the go-cycles require particular ingenuity on the part of the young manual-students. Both are more than ornamental; the rocking-horses have stout rockers and a neat little chair which would seat a child of five. The go-cycles are made for rough usage, and may be counted on for many a joyous "coast" down the nearest hill. The toys were delivered last evening to the Friendly Help and other societies in the neighborhood, and many are already on their way to their new owners.

For those of us who do not take to doing good as a profession, there is a great deal of social good to be done in putting down gossip, in preventing misunderstandings, and in keeping friends with every body.—Jewett.

THE HUDSON'S BAY CO. Gift Suggestions

Wines, Spirits, Cigars, Cigarettes, Xmas Hampers, Tobaccos, Smokers' Supplies

It affords us great pleasure to direct your purchases to brands of QUALITY and PURITY. The lines printed below are the best the world's market affords.

THE "ADVENTURERS OF ENGLAND," ALE, BEER AND STOUT

	Per dozen	Quarts	Pints
Imperial Light Dinner Ale	\$2.00	\$1.00	
Imperial XXXX Invalid			
Stout	\$2.00	\$1.00	
Imperial Export Beer	\$2.00	\$1.00	

GIN

H. B. London Dry Gin, per case, \$10.50

BRANDY

H. B. Mentor, Cognac Brandy, per case at	\$10.50
H. B. Diamond Pale Brandy, per case at	\$13.00
H. B. Special Pale Brandy, a case	\$16.00
H. B. Extra Pale Brandy, a case	\$19.00

CLARET

	Per case	12 qts.	24 pts.
H. B. St. Julien	\$4.50	\$5.25	
Nathaniel Johnson's Navy	\$5.50	\$6.00	

CANADIAN RYE WHISKIES

H. B. Old Rye, per case	\$8.00
H. B. Old Special Rye, per case	\$9.50
H. B. 1899 Special Reserve, per case at	\$10.50

PORT WINE

H. B. Old Cardinal Port, per case	\$10.50
H. B. California Port, per case	\$5.50
H. B. Native Wine, per case	\$3.50

RUM

Ye Olde Hudson's Bay Rum, per case \$13
Of the same excellent quality as imported by us since 1670.

SCOTCH WHISKIES

H. B. Fine Old Highland, per case	\$10.50
H. B. Fine Old Highland, per case	\$12.00
H. B. Special (best procurable), per case at	\$16.00
Dewar's Special, per case	\$12.50
Watson's XXX, per case	\$12.50

SHERRY

H. B. Old Bodega, per case	\$10.50
H. B. California, per case	\$5.50

DOMESTIC CIGARS

La Devisa, 25, regular \$1.50, now	\$1.00
"30 Minutes in Havana," 25, regular \$1.75, now	\$1.50
Xmas Packages in such brands as El Dora, La Preferencia, Tuckett's Club Special, etc., from \$1.25 to	60¢

HAVANA CIGARS

Henry Clay's	
J. S. Murias	
Panages	
La Carolina	
Per box of 25	
Henry Clay's, Boek & Co., Cabanas, Bocado size, per box of 50	\$1.25

\$3

Hudson's Bay HAMPERS Are Always Acceptable

HAMPER NO. 1	HAMPER NO. 4
A \$5.85 Value For	A \$14.50 Value For
1 Bottle H. B. Fine Old Highland Scotch Whisky	1 Bottle H. B. F. O. B. Scotch Whisky
1 Bottle H. B. Old Special Rye	1 Bottle H. B. Old Special Rye
1 Bottle H. B. Finest Cognac 3-Star Brandy	1 Bottle Ye Olde Hudson's Bay Rum
1 Bottle H. B. White Label Rum	1 Bottle H. B. London Dry Gin
1 Bottle H. B. London Dry Gin	1 Bottle H. B. Old Bodega Sherry
1 Bottle H. B. Old Cardinal Port	1 Bottle H. B. Cherry, Ginger or Orange Wine
6 Pieces	1 Bottle Benedictine (small)
	3 Bottles Sparkling Burgundy (pints)
	12 Pieces
HAMPER NO. 2	HAMPER NO. 5
A \$7.85 Value For	A \$17.55 Value For
1 Bottle H. B. Fine Old Highland Scotch Whisky	2 Bottles H. B. Special "Best Procurable" Scotch Whisky
1 Bottle H. B. Old Special Rye	2 Bottles H. B. Special Rye
1 Bottle H. B. Finest Cognac 3-Star Brandy	1 Bottle H. B. Vice Regal Port
1 Bottle Ye Olde Hudson's Bay Rum	1 Bottle H. B. Vice Regal Sherry
1 Bottle H. B. London Dry Gin	1 Bottle H. B. Extra Brandy
1 Bottle H. B. Old Cardinal Port	1 Bottle Ye Olde Hudson's Bay Rum
1 Bottle H. B. Old Bodega Sherry	1 Bottle H. B. London Dry Gin
1 Bottle H. B. Special Ginger Wine	1 Bottle Benedictine (small)
8 Pieces	1 Bottle Creme de Menthe (large)
	1 Bottle St. Julien Claret
	12 Pieces
HAMPER NO. 3	HAMPER NO. 6
A \$11.10 Value For	A \$24.60 Value For
1 Bottle H. B. Fine Old Highland Scotch Whisky	1 Bottle H. B. Special "Best Procurable" Scotch Whisky
1 Bottle H. B. Old Special Rye	1 Bottle H. B. Special Rye Whisky
1 Bottle H. B. Finest Cognac 3-Star Brandy	1 Bottle H. B. Vice Regal Port
1 Bottle Ye Olde Hudson's Bay Rum	1 Bottle H. B. Vice Regal Sherry
1 Bottle H. B. London Dry Gin	1 Bottle H. B. Extra Brandy
1 Bottle H. B. Old Cardinal Port	1 Bottle Ye Olde Hudson's Bay Rum
1 Bottle H. B. Old Bodega Sherry	1 Bottle H. B. London Dry Gin
1 Bottle Creme de Menthe (large)	4 Pint Bottles Heidsieck's or Pommery Champagne
1 Bottle H. B. Cherry, Ginger or Orange Wine	1 Bottle Benedictine (small)
6 Quart Bottles Schlitz Beer	1 Bottle Chartreuse
15 Pieces	1 Bottle Apricot Brandy
	6 Quart Bottles Schlitz Beer
	20 Pieces

With Any Hamper Purchased We Will Sell a \$1.50 Box of 25 Domestic Cigars for \$1.00

Useful Gifts to Please the Smoker

Sterling Silver Cigarette Cases from only	\$3.50
French Enamelled Cigarette Cases from only	\$4.50
Pipes in G. B. D. and all the best makes in single and companion cases. Prices from \$25.00 to	\$1.25
Gun Metal, Leather and Silver Cases from	75¢
Rubber Pouches, 35¢ and	25¢
Rubber Lined Kangaroo, Reindeer and Antelope Pouches, \$1.75, \$1.50 and only	\$1.25
Silver Mounted Wallets at	50¢

THE HUDSON'S BAY CO.

1312 Douglas St.

Phone 4253

Victoria, B. C.

SHOE COMFORT ONLY COMES TO THOSE WHO WEAR CHRISTIE'S SHOES

Buy Christie's Slippers As Practical Xmas Presents

SECURE THEM NOW AT

Retrenchment Sale Prices

Our Label in Your Gift Means "VERY BEST QUALITY" and "ABSOLUTE CORRECTNESS"

Where men, women and children find the things that suit them—there is the place to find Christmas presents for them. We have things that make the best answers to the Christmas question for them all. Practical things in the sense that everybody uses them, as opposed to the things that most get that are of no real value. Every pair of Slippers you buy from us are absolutely guaranteed to be the best of quality and up to the minute in style; they will return their value in their use to the user, and will not be laid away when the Christmas stockings are folded up, and then forgotten. COME IN AND SEE OUR DISPLAYS. REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE NOT PAYING TWO PRICES FOR THESE SLIPPERS. YOU GET THEM AT RETRENCHMENT SALE PRICES

THE WAY TO A MAN'S HEART IS THROUGH HIS COMFORT—BUY HIM CHRISTIE'S SLIPPERS

MEN'S HOUSE SLIPPERS in FELT, black and white check patterns; also various other assortments.	MEN'S ROMEO SLIPPERS, low cut.
95c	\$1.95
MEN'S OPERA SLIPPERS in chocolate and black.	MEN'S ROMEO SLIPPERS, high cut.
\$1.95	\$2.35
MEN'S PULLMAN SLIPPERS, in brown and black.	MEN'S DANCING PUMPS, Oxfords.
\$2.20	\$2.45
	MEN'S DANCING PUMPS, patent leather.
	\$2.95

THE WAY TO A WOMAN'S HEART IS THROUGH HER REGARD FOR COMFORTABLE ATTRACTIVE LOOKING FOOTWEAR—BUY HER CHRISTIE'S SLIPPERS

LADIES' HOUSE SLIPPERS in FELT, different patterns.	LADIES' EVENING SLIPPERS for parties, dances, etc., patent leather; the very latest styles; \$3.45 to
75c	\$4.45

SILK HOSE AND OTHER ATTRACTIVE ARTICLES FOR FOOT DRESS

BUY FELT SLIPPERS FOR THE GIRL AND BOY

GIRLS' FELT SLIPPERS, sizes 11 to 2.	BOYS' FELT SLIPPERS, all sizes, 75c to
55c	95c

CHRISTIE CAN SAVE YOU MUCH MONEY ON YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

THE ALWAYS
BUSY
STORE

Christie

Christie Shoe Honest Right Through

THE STORE
WITH A
CONSCIENCE

PREACHES DOCTRINE OF SELF-SACRIFICE

Rev. Mr. Andrews, of Abashiri, Japan, Speaks of Mission Work There

Self-denial, self-sacrifice, renunciation, abnegation. This was the example set by St. Francis, whose life was one of humble service to the Master. And no more zealous disciple has he had than Father Andrews, son of Bishop Andrews of the diocese of Hokkaido, Northern Japan, in the parish of Abashiri, in which he labors in an effort to bring men to belief in Christ. The story of the work and of his mission to this country was told to an interested audience which assembled yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wythe, Fort street, where Mr. Andrews is visiting during his stay in the city. Several of the Anglican clergymen of the city were among those present, and at the close of his address the Bishop of Columbia on behalf of all who had listened to the fascinating story expressed his pleasure in hearing of the work, and gave a message of encouragement and good wishes that the young missionary would be successful in his mission to this country. In his introductory remarks Mr. Andrews explained the position of the Christian missionary movement in Japan. For the past fifty years missionary work had been carried on in that country. But the progress made was very slow. The older missionaries really felt that the Asiatic was a curious combination of the intensely religious and the wholly material. He was a man who would make great sacrifices for his religion, but he was also a man who could live without the spiritual. With a temperament which was so ready for self-abnegation where the attainment of the ideal was the objective the appeal made by the average missionary, who lived a comparatively easy and luxurious life, was ineffective to a simple people who were ready to sacrifice all material comfort when their religious nature was roused. Himself born in Japan, his father having gone out to that country more than thirty years ago, he was sent to America and England to be educated. After his ordination he held a curacy in Durham, and while there read the life of St. Francis, became inspired by the example set and determined to go back among the untamed people of his native land and lead them to a knowledge of Christ. That was two years ago. He took with him but a small capital, about one thousand dollars, fired by the ideal of a missionary work which would work through the Japanese from within, not from without. Abashiri is a parish in which there

are practically no Christians. The field was almost virgin. This he chose for his labor, a labor which he designed beforehand to carry through by the foundation of a community of Christians. The first step consisted in the purchase of a farm of eight acres, which, as the later part of the narrative revealed, yielded but scantily for the needs of the four young students whom he had finally succeeded in gathering together. It was for the purpose of collecting money for the furtherance of this mission work in a parish which was nearly eighty miles from end to end, that he was visiting this country. Already he had collected sufficient for his expenses here, and his return passage, too, was secured. But he hoped to take back something more which would help with the work. In so large a parish he had to have assistants if the message was to be carried to all. The summer only was useful for farming. Then they tilled and worked their land. In the winter they studied. He was therefore both teacher and farmer.

The story of the daily round was told with rare humor, which gave more than a mere picturesque interest to the narrative of how a young missionary went down among the humble farmers in their rice fields and vegetable gardens and carried the message of Christianity; the disappointments and surprises in connection with the training of his students; and a wealth of detail, both amusing and touching, with reference to the lives and customs of the people, were all told.

One particularly surprising point, to the Occidental who has learned so highly to esteem the Japanese race and its ethics, had to do with the selling of girls into slavery. There was no law to prohibit this. The only qualification was that no girl could be sold into slavery for more than three years. The practice was not, of course, universal, but any father could, if he chose, sell his daughter for three years for probably less. And so the exchange went on until bidders were no longer to be found. There might be an evil of the kind in Christian lands, but it was not recognized by law.

The example of the Christian was at once a subject for criticism among an observant people like the Japanese. Those in the Christian lands should make more of being Christians in their own homes. This lesson he had had impressed upon him by the open-handed hospitality of Japanese Christians, who really lived the principles which they had learned. One of the difficult things he had had to encounter had been the teaching that Jesus Christ was the son of the Holy Virgin. One man had believed all else but this,

the very fundamental of Christianity. But his Japanese philosophy came to his aid. What all civilized Christian Europe believed he saw must have some basis for acceptance. Finally he conceded that point also. Another stumbling-block to the Japanese was that they believed with Christianity that they had to give up ancestor worship. One converted Japanese he found burning the names of his ancestors because he thought the preservation of these was contrary to his newly-adopted religion. But Mr. Andrews pointed out the difference between reverence and idolatry, and the names were placed, instead, in the window of the little chapel.

Stephen, Paul, Lazarus and an orphan boy constitute the small household of which he is head, the native disciples having been named quite fittingly after some of the New Testament personalities, without having any particular resemblance to these. They were all learning, and he hoped through them to spread the gospel. The people will understand, he feels assured, the doctrine of self-sacrifice. Themselves ready for renunciation when their religion is involved, they will see that there must be a great Master to inspire such love and self-sacrifice on the part of their teacher.

The Japanese government had helped him to the extent of giving forty acres of land quite recently, and St. Peter's community would be busy preparing the soil in the spring, and tending the growing crops in the summer. What ever he received here would be used directly in the furtherance of the mission work, and he hoped all would help as much as they could.

The Bishop of Columbia, speaking after the address, gave his endorsement to the appeal, adding that it would be a good thing if people had a looser hold on the dollar and a stronger hold on the Faith. He had had a letter from Bishop Andrews, telling of his son's pending visit to this country, and he was ready to add his appeal to that of Father Andrews. The collection taken at the meeting totaled something over \$100.

This evening Mr. Andrews will speak about Japan at Elvies Court, Work Point barracks, the lecture to be illustrated by specially prepared and hand-colored lantern slides which will make the narrative particularly graphic. The public is invited to attend. Contributions for the work may be sent to the Rev. E. G. Miller, of this city, who will forward the same to Mr. Andrews.

The neighborhood of Taxthet park, Liverpool, has decided drawbacks, from the point of view at least of some of the landlords of the cheaper property. It is said that an agent, on making the usual Monday morning call for rent at one house, was offered 1s. 6d. The rent was already in arrears. He showed his discontent. "Look 'ere, mislur, you ought to be jolly thankful you've got this. If my old man hadn't sold the back door you'd have got nothing."

DECISION RESERVED IN MUDLARK CASES

Witnesses Tell of Battle
Aboard Dredge; Larsen's
Exciting Story

The hearing of the Mudlark cases was closed in the police court this morning, all the evidence having been presented and speeches made by the city prosecutor and J. A. Alkman, who was acting for the defence. Magistrate Jay decided to give himself time to think over the evidence, and remanded the four accused for twenty-four hours for judgment.

Only one witness for the prosecution was called this morning in the person of Harry Ellis, janitor of the mud scow. He went into the galley, he said, while the row was in progress, and, seeing Larsen's face and body covered with blood, shouted:

"I like to see a fair fight, not a slaughter."

His story in other respects followed very closely the lines of the other witnesses for the prosecution. Mr. Alkman then called the accused, Vennables, who was described by the prosecution as the "sea lawyer" of the outfit. In his evidence he stated emphatically that Larsen struck Rhodes with some instrument. Later he took the instrument, he said, out of Larsen's hand, to prevent his doing any more damage with it. In reply to a question, Vennables stated that he had not during the whole proceedings laid his hand upon Larsen.

In cross-examination he admitted that there had been sides on the craft, some being against the captain and others for him. He was one of the men against the captain. He denied the assertion of one witness that he had shouted "Kill him," referring to Larsen.

The accused Trousdale stated that his only part in the affair was in driving Larsen back from the dining-room through the kitchen into the pantry. He swore that Larsen had a stove-shaker in his hand at the time.

Munro admitted striking Larsen with a poker, but only after Larsen had struck him with a shaver. On his part he had had some of his teeth knocked out. He stated further that after the fight Larsen appeared on deck with a spanner in his hand, looking for trouble.

Joseph Bretherton and William Bell gave evidence favorable to the accused, and stated that the mark on Rhodes' head was made prior to the engineer's descent to the stokehold, and not afterwards, as Larsen had previously stated. James Larsen was the central figure

in the police court yesterday afternoon. The big Swede looked very much as if he had taken part in the famous retreat from Mons, for his head was bandaged, a broken blood vessel rendered his right eye almost useless, and he was suffering from various other injuries about his person.

His story of the fight was more like a page from Robert Louis Stevenson than anything else, and the peaceful-looking dredge, lying beside the Fugot Sound Lumber company's wharf, might well have been the pirate-ship of "Kidnapped" from the accounts of the bloody conflict which was waged aboard her.

Larsen told of waking up and down the deck on the eventful Sunday in his capacity as watchman. As he passed the cabin windows, however, according to his story, he heard unwelcome sounds, and, looking in, saw the little cock being punched by the big man Rhodes. The cock was hanging on, endeavoring to evade punishment by guarding his head, but he was in a bad way. Without waiting a moment, Larsen rushed into the cabin and endeavored to pull the engineer away from Holding.

It was then, he stated, that Trousdale and Munro jumped on him together and hit and kicked him. He backed into the kitchen, and, picking up a stove-shaker, threatened the three that if they came nearer he would give them a taste of the iron. Feeling that he would be safer if he had his back to the wall, he backed on into the pantry, to prevent an attack from the rear. It was at this moment, he alleged, that Munro picked up the stove-lifter. Rhodes told him to put the shaker down and he would get fair play. He did so, he stated, only to get them all on to him at once, and he was borne down by the fury of the assault. Munro, he alleged, struck him across the head with the iron lifting, making an incised wound, while the others kicked and struck him without mercy. At the intervention of Trousdale they finally desisted. Later Larsen went below only to get them after him again. Munro, he alleged, then swung on a rope tackle and kicked him near the eye, causing the wound noted above. Rhodes again came down, and they mixed it again until Rhodes caught his head on the elbow of a six-inch pipe and was put hors de combat.

Evidence of the serious nature of the wounds was given by Dr. Grant, who made the examination immediately after the occurrence. The doctor said that he found Larsen bleeding freely in the head and eye. There were also several lacerations about the face. On closer inspection he found a large scalp wound two inches in length; it was ragged and had dirt in it; he put four stitches in the wound. There was also a hemorrhage above the eye, so that the blood was pouring into the ball. The sight of the victim would be impaired for several weeks.

Capt. T. H. Brown, master of the Mudlark, said that Larsen was left in full charge of the Mudlark on the Sunday in question. He himself left the Mudlark at 12.15, and was called back

about 2 o'clock to find the galley and mess room a chaos of overturned pots, pans, teapots, and stray furniture. There was blood all over the pantry, the cook had his shirt torn from him, and Larsen was like a wild man with pain and loss of blood.

Constable McLellan gave formal evidence of being called to the dredge and of bringing the injured man in the patrol for medical attention. J. A. Alkman, for the defence, called Dr. George Hall, who examined the accused, Rhodes, after the affray. The physician stated he found on the top of the engineer's head two bruises about the size of a hazel nut, and an incised wound about half an inch long on the top of one of the bruises. It would probably have been caused by a blunt instrument, he said.

Earlier in the afternoon Rhodes was fined \$20 and the deckhand, Brooks, \$10, for the assault on the cook.

A certain employer had done his best to encourage recruiting by offering generous terms to those of his staff who enlisted (says a writer in the Manchester Guardian). But he was annoyed to hear that one man, instead of going into the new army, had joined the naval reserve, in which there are more than enough men already. Chancing to meet the new sailor, he asked him why he had not joined the army. "My mother wouldn't let me," was the reply. "What a big hulking fellow like you and your mother wouldn't let you?" "Yes," said the recruit, "I've volunteered for mine-sweeping." "But that's more dangerous than fighting in the army." "I know that," said the man, "but my mother doesn't."

Uncle Josh was comfortably lighting his pipe in the living-room one evening, when Aunt Maria glanced up from her knitting. "Josh," softly remarked the good woman, "do you know that next Sunday will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of our wedding?" "Ye don't say so, Maria!" responded Uncle Josh, pulling vigorously on his corn-cob pipe. "What about it?" "Nothing," answered Aunt Maria; "only I thought maybe we ought to kill them two red chickens." "Say, Maria," impressively demanded Uncle Josh, "how can you blame them two red chickens for what happened twenty-five years ago?"

KIDNEY TROUBLE AFFECTED HIS SPINE


Suffered for Forty Years Until
He Used "Fruit-a-tives"

"Bronte, Ont., Oct. 31, 1913.

"For about forty years I was troubled with Lame Back brought on by Kidney and Bladder Trouble. I was never confined to my bed with the trouble, but it affected my spine and I had to rest for a time. I took advertised remedies which never did me any good. Then I saw 'Fruit-a-tives' advertised and decided to try them. They did me more good than any other remedy.

"My son suffered from the same trouble and frequently had to leave off working, but 'Fruit-a-tives' remedied it for him. I would strongly advise anyone suffering from Kidney and Bladder Trouble to use 'Fruit-a-tives'.

"H. DORLAND."
50c. a box, 4 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or send on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.



**University School
FOR BOYS**

Recent successes at Mc-Gill University, at Royal Military College, Kingston Canadian Navy, B. C. Surveyors Preliminary, and shooting.

Easter Term commences Monday, January 11, 1915.

Warden—R. V. Harvey, Esq., M. A. (Oxford).

Headmaster—J. C. Barnack, Esq. (London University).

For particulars and prospectus apply to the Headmaster.

Mount Tolmie, Victoria, B.C.

WHAT PRICE DO YOU USUALLY PAY FOR YOUR SUIT?

You, sir! You, madam! Is it \$30, \$40 or even \$50 that you've been paying? Don't do it. Place your order here, and you needn't pay more than

\$14.50

All Work Guaranteed Fully

CHARLIE HOPE

1434 Government Street

Phone 2689

Victoria, B. C.

3-SHOPPING DAYS-3 BEFORE XMAS

READ THIS LIST. IT SOLVES YOUR GIFT WORRIES

French Ivory Toilet Set.....	\$9.60	Bar Pin, pearl and amethyst.....	\$10.15	Fountain Pen.....	\$2.00	Gold Signet Ring.....	95c
Silver Mounted Umbrella.....	\$4.15	Necklet, pearl and peridot.....	\$9.60	Solid Gold Signet Ring.....	\$3.75	Gold Bracelet.....	\$5.25
Pearl Set Gold Necklet.....	\$8.65	Pendant, diamond and sapphire.....	\$83.50	Solid Gold Cuff Studs.....	\$3.40	Stone Set Ring.....	75c
Pearl Star and Pendant.....	\$8.25	Silver Mesh Bag.....	\$18.40	Pearl Shirt Studs.....	\$1.90	Silver Napkin Ring.....	\$1.35
Silver Mounted Flask.....	\$7.50	Solid Gold Wrist Watch.....	\$31.75	Gold-Filled Watch Chain.....	\$3.60	Gold Cross and Chain.....	\$7.50
Solid Gold Cuff Links.....	\$3.20	Silver Toilet Set.....	\$39.00	Silver Cigarette Box.....	\$14.10	Porridge Bowl.....	\$10.90
Solid Gold Tie Clip.....	\$2.10	Silver Jewel Case.....	\$7.90	French Ivory Military Brushes.....	\$7.15	Teething Ring.....	\$4.35
Solitaire Diamond Ring.....	\$20.00	Gold Card Case.....	\$61.90	Silver Wrist Watch.....	\$10.00	Rattle.....	\$3.40
Diamond and Sapphire Ring.....	\$22.50	Peridot and Pearl Earrings.....	\$11.25	Gold Stone Set Waist Pins.....	\$1.90	Talcum Bottle.....	\$1.50
Diamond and Pearl Ring.....	\$30.00	Cut Glass Bowl.....	\$4.15	Silver Manicure Set.....	\$13.50	Silver Photo Frame.....	\$1.00
Diamond and Emerald Ring.....	\$63.75	Silver Mounted Sugar and Cream.....	\$3.60	Gold-Filled Bracelet.....	\$5.65	Rose Bead Necklet.....	\$1.00
Diamond and Sapphire Necklet.....	\$83.50	Adjustable Handled Umbrella.....	\$6.40	Silver Mounted Perfume Bottle.....	\$1.00	Silver Ink Stand.....	\$4.90
Watch, gold-filled.....	\$12.80	Diamond and Sapphire Ring.....	\$24.75	Silver Necklet, real stones.....	\$10.15	Silver Card Case.....	\$9.60
Chain, solid gold.....	\$7.35	Silver Card Case.....	\$12.60	Silver Mesh Bag.....	\$18.40	Fancy Enameled Vanity.....	\$3.60
Tobacco Pouch.....	\$2.25	Silver Tea Set, 4 pieces.....	\$15.00	String Parisian Pearls.....	\$3.40	Scissors Set in Case.....	\$5.45
Cuff Links, solid gold.....	\$3.40	Solid Gold Bracelet.....	\$21.00	Diamond Ring, solitaire.....	\$12.00	Silver and Plush Jewel Set.....	\$6.10
Silver Key Ring.....	\$2.65	Pierced Casserole.....	\$6.60	Pearl Star Pendant.....	\$13.70	Traveling Clock.....	\$7.15
Liquor Stand, 3 bottles.....	\$15.00	Dessert Set in Case.....	\$14.65	Silver Toilet Set.....	\$39.00	Pierced Silver Fern Dish.....	\$6.80
Ebony Military Brushes.....	\$3.40	Gold Brooch, amethyst and pearl.....	\$12.40	Gold-Filled Wrist Watch.....	\$10.50	Silver and Plush Pin Cushion.....	\$3.40
Silver Cigar Cutter.....	\$1.00	Silver Cuff Links.....	40c	Five-Stone Pearl Ring.....	\$5.65	Cut Glass and Silver Puff Box.....	\$13.90
Silver Mounted Walking Stick.....	\$3.20	Watch.....	\$4.15	Silver Spoon.....	75c	Deposart Tea Set.....	\$9.60
Silver Tobacco Box.....	\$7.90	Fob, up from.....	95c	Silver Mug.....	\$1.00	Flask and Cup.....	\$7.50
Fine Briar Pipe in Case.....	\$3.95	Cigarette Case.....	\$4.50	Solid Gold Pin.....	\$2.45	Silver-Cased Shaving Brush.....	\$8.65
Ring, solitaire diamond.....	\$20.25	Tie Pin.....	\$2.10	Silver Food Push.....	\$1.35		
Brooch, pearl and peridot.....	\$4.15	Fitted Leather Toilet Roll.....	\$5.10	Gold Charm and Chain.....	\$3.40		

Shortt, Hill & Duncan, Limited

Phone 675

Corner Broad and View Streets

Phone 675

Houses to Rent

FURNISHED
Rupert St., 7 rooms, \$25.00
Olympia Ave., 5 rooms, \$20.00
St. Patrick St., 10 rooms (with h. w. heating, garage, large garden, etc.), \$100.00

UNFURNISHED
Short St. (Maywood), 3 rooms, \$12.00
John St., 4 rooms, \$12.00
Blanchard St., 5 rooms, \$15.00
Bourchier St., 6 rooms, \$20.00
Catherine St., 6 rooms, \$20.00
Beach Drive (Oak Bay), 9 rooms, \$30.00
Oakland Rd. (near golf links), 5 rooms, \$20.00
Courtney St., 6 rooms, \$25.00

SWINERTON & MUSGRAVE

Winch Bldg. 640 Fort St.

B. C. LAND & INVESTMENT AGENCY, LIMITED

822 Government St. Phone 125
Representatives of the PHOENIX FIRE ASSURANCE CO., LTD., of London, England, for the south end of Vancouver Island.

FIRE

A gift rarely thought of, and one that would surely be appreciated. Buy a policy today.

L. U. CONYERS & CO.

650 View Street.

Lake District—10 acres of land, all cleared and fenced, together with a well-built house containing 6 rooms, all modern and up-to-date, with bathroom, h. and c. water, connected with septic tank, water piped in house from living spring; all necessary outbuildings, including barn, stable, chicken houses and Chinaman's house. This is an ideal country home, situated 7 miles from city and 1 mile from railway. Price and terms on application.

South Saanich—25 acres of land, all cleared and fenced, electric station on property. Price \$425 per acre, reasonable terms.

Fire Insurance Written
Money to Loan

J. STUART YATES

416 Central Building.

FOR SALE

Two valuable water lots with 2 large wholesale warehouses and wharf, situated at the foot of Yates street.

TO RENT

Three-story warehouse, Wharf street. For particulars apply to J. Stuart Yates, 416 Central Building.

BAIRD & McKEON

1210 Douglas Street.

New 8-Roomed Dwelling and Sunroom, hardwood floors, beamed and paneled; elaborate electric fixtures, two toilets, two lavatory basins, wash trays and furnace, garage with concrete floor, situated on one of the best streets in Fairfield. Lot 55 feet x 120 feet. Easy terms. Price \$6,000.

1/4 Acres near University school, all in bearing orchard, 4-roomed cottage. Price \$4,000.

TO RENT

1224 Johnson St.—6 rooms, \$15.00
1113 Yates St.—4-room suite, \$12.00
2012 Chaucer St.—5 rooms; partly furnished, \$17.50
1028 Mason St.—5 rooms, \$16.00
736 King's Rd.—6 rooms, \$17.50
1246 Acton St.—7 rooms, new, \$20.00

Houses Built at \$16 per Month and Upwards

Suscribe to the Patriotic Fund

D. H. BALE

Cor. Fort and St. Michaels Ave. Phone 110.

Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

NEW OSAKA VESSELS

WILL BE VERY FAST

Manila and Hawaii to Make Seventeen Knots; Lines Recognize Speed is Needed.

Heads of Japanese steamship companies are beginning to recognize that speed is an all-important factor in the competition for the world's trade and commerce. During the many years they have been operating steamships from Japan to various ports of the world, the lines seem to have neglected to develop the engine-power in the construction of new vessels. In the whole mercantile fleet of Japan there are only about three steamships which have anything like a real turn of speed. The Toyo Kisen Kaisha operates the Shinyo Maru, Toyo Maru and Chiyu Maru between China, Japan and San Francisco, and they are able to make about 20 knots an hour.

Both the Osaka Shosen Kaisha and Nippon Yusen Kaisha have been sending ships here which average between eleven and twelve knots an hour, and which take fifteen and sixteen days to steam from Yokohama to Victoria. The freighters operated by the Blue Funnel lines are able to beat these passenger ships by over two days on the same route. In the European service the Nippon line has some fine ships, but their sea speed is not fifteen knots an hour.

Paster Boats Coming

Word has just been received here from Osaka, Japan, stating that the two new steamships, Manila Maru and Hawaii Maru, building for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, are to have a speed of 17 knots an hour. With the C. P. R. Empresses in the trans-Pacific trade the Japanese companies have realized that with their slower vessels they cannot hope to book large amounts of silk at Shanghai and Yokohama for this coast. With vessels making 17 knots an hour, however, the line will place itself in a better position to compete for the business.

The two new ships are building at the Kawasaki and Mitsui shipyards. Preparations are being made to launch the ship in course of construction at Kawasaki in April next. Both vessels will be ready to enter the trans-Pacific trade in July next. The ships will each have a displacement of 18,000 tons. Two of the steamships at present operating between here and the Orient will be withdrawn as soon as the newer vessels are ready.

CONSIDERING TENDERS FOR REPAIRING AZOV

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—The British tanker Azov, Captain Williams, has been purchased by the Imperial oil company, according to official announcement made yesterday. The vessel has been hauled out for examination at the Wallace ways, but was launched on Saturday, and is now tied up at that shipyard pending the letting of the contract for the repair of damage sustained when she went ashore on Talara Reef, South America.

THERE'S SOMETHING IN IT

London, Dec. 22.—A message to the Evening Star from Belfast says that the C. P. R. has purchased four ships which are being constructed at Belfast and Glasgow. Their cost is said to be in excess of \$7,500,000.

ADELAIDE AND ALICE

FOR VANCOUVER RUN

Will Make Night Trips; Mary Withdrawn and Will Be Kept Here as Relief Boat

Commencing to-morrow night the two fine steamers Princesses Adelaide and Alice will maintain the night service between Victoria and Vancouver. This announcement was made this morning by Capt. J. W. Troup, manager of the B. C. coast service. The Alice is to replace the steamer Princess Mary, and the latter vessel will be kept at this port as a relief ship.

The Princess Adelaide and the Princess Alice were both built for the night run between Victoria and the mainland. For some time they operated in that service, but last summer the Alice was withdrawn to make five trips to Skagway. Since then the two Princesses have been alternating between here and the Terminal City with the smaller steamer Princess Mary. The travel between the two ports at the present time is very good and the C. P. R. has decided to use the ships which were built for the service.

Patricia Is Repairing.

The steamer Princess Patricia was hauled out at the Vancouver yard of the B. C. Marine yesterday to repair damage to the counter sustained when she collided with the Venture last week. While the Patricia is off the run for two days the Nanaimo service will be maintained by the Princess May, Capt. McLeod, which arrived at the Terminal City from the north on Monday.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Dec. 21.
Portland, Ore.—Arrived: Str. Daisy Putnam, San Francisco; William Chatham, Tacoma; Breakwater, Coos Bay; Yucatan, San Francisco; Sailed: Str. George W. Elder, Coos Bay.
San Francisco, Cal.—Arrived: Str. Governor, Seattle and Victoria; Edgar H. Vance, New York; Nippon Maru, Hongkong; Willamette, Klamath, Astoria; Annie Larson, Apia. Sailed: Str. Rose City, Portland; Adella, Astoria; Oronian, Seattle via Portland.

Tacoma, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Santa Rita, Seattle; str. Mariposa, Admiral Farragut, Seattle.

Aberdeen, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Shasta, San Francisco; Sailed: Str. Espada, Kapulu.

Astoria, Ore.—Arrived: Str. Yucatan, San Francisco; Breakwater, Coos Bay; Str. J. H. Stuart, San Francisco; Sailed: Daisy Putnam, San Francisco; Sailed: Str. Osewana, United Kingdom; George W. Elder, Coos Bay; Str. W. F. Herron, Astoria, California.

Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Antiochus, Liverpool via ports; President, San Diego via San Francisco and Victoria; Albatross, Alaska; Sailed: Farragut, San Francisco; Mariposa, Alaska; Grace Dollar, San Francisco; str. Fulton, towing barge Arthur Bush, British Columbia; Sailed: Richmond, San Francisco; Peter H. Crowell, San Francisco via Vancouver and Nanaimo; Admiral Farragut, Tacoma; Mariposa, Tacoma.

AID TO NAVIGATION

Mariners are advised that the sand-heads lightship in the Gulf of Georgia has been moved back to her correct position at the main entrance to the Fraser river according to notice to mariners, No. 114, of 1914.

SHIPS CARRY MUCH

FLOUR AND COTTON

Panama Leaves Port To-day With Huge Cargo; Seattle in Christmas Day

Cotton and flour now form the chief articles of export from Puget Sound ports to the Orient. Huge quantities of these commodities are now arriving at Tacoma and Seattle for shipment across the Pacific, and when the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Panama Maru, Capt. Kanoo, called in here this afternoon on her way to sea her plimsoll mark was almost awash. She has stowed in her holds 7,000 tons of cargo, the bulk of which is made up of cotton and flour.

Full cargoes are being booked by the Sound agents for the steamships before they arrive on the Sound. The Blue Funnel and Nippon Yusen liners as well as those of the Osaka, are receiving all the freight which they can possibly handle. The demand in Japan and China for cotton and grain is extremely heavy, and the shipment of other freight also continues very brisk.

While the Panama Maru was berthed here 75 passengers embarked at the ocean docks. Mrs. Kathleen Hooley and daughter will travel first-class to Shanghai. Many Russians, Japanese, Chinese and Hindus went out in the steerage.

May Be Christmas Ship.

Shipping men received a report this morning that the steamship Seattle Maru, Capt. Salto, of the Osaka fleet, will arrive in port on Friday from Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama. It was hoped by the port authorities that the liner would arrive here on Thursday, and not cause an interruption in their holiday. But the ship has about 600 tons of freight to land and all hands will be kept on duty until late in the day.

On Saturday the Blue Funnel liner Antiochus, Capt. Ryan, will return from the Sound to discharge 1,500 tons of European and Oriental cargo.

MALAKKA HAS BEEN AGROUND FOUR DAYS

Motorship Piled Up on Cedros Islands South of San Diego; May Be Total Loss

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 22.—Bound from San Francisco for Christiania, Norway, the motorship Malakka, Captain Zandvoort, of the East Asiatic Steamship Co., is ashore to-day on the southwest end of Cedros Islands, 300 miles south of San Diego.

According to a wireless report, the American-Hawaiian freighter Arizona is standing by.

The position of the Malakka, which is a ship of 4,700 tons, is sheltered. She left San Francisco December 15.

The report from the Arizona did not state how badly the Malakka had been damaged.

According to the last wireless from the Arizona the Malakka struck the reef four nights ago during the thick weather, and being without wireless was unable to attract assistance until last night. As soon as it was seen that it was almost hopeless to float the ship again a boat's crew and one officer started for San Quentin, Mexico, 130 miles away, and at night the ship's searchlight was kept signalling constantly.

On the fourth night the lookout on the Arizona was attracted by the signal and responded to the call.

Honolulu, Ashore.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—The American-Hawaiian steamship Honolulu, Captain Rice, and 36 indicated new season Burnham. East Indies continue very quiet; 4 1/2 paid on time in Calcutta coal trade, and 5 1/2 same basis trip from Bombay to U. S. Mediterranean ports are still bare of tonnage, and boats prefer coming home in ballast. America continues very firm for steam, and extreme rates are being paid; 25s again done Gulf to Liverpool, whilst Savannah pays 28s 6d on net firm to Denmark, Cuba sugar pays 28s 3d to 26s to U. K. ports. River Plate very firm on comparative scarcity of tonnage, and 30s net paid for late December to U. K., whilst lower ports paid 28s to Genoa for February. Sail has a very slow market. North Pacific home rules firm.

TIDE TABLE.

Date.	Time H.T.	Time H.T.	Time H.T.	Time H.T.
h. m. f. t. h. m. f. t. h. m. f. t. h. m. f. t.				
1	12:00	12:00	12:00	12:00
2	12:05	12:05	12:05	12:05
3	12:10	12:10	12:10	12:10
4	12:15	12:15	12:15	12:15
5	12:20	12:20	12:20	12:20
6	12:25	12:25	12:25	12:25
7	12:30	12:30	12:30	12:30
8	12:35	12:35	12:35	12:35
9	12:40	12:40	12:40	12:40
10	12:45	12:45	12:45	12:45
11	12:50	12:50	12:50	12:50
12	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
13	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
14	1:05	1:05	1:05	1:05
15	1:10	1:10	1:10	1:10
16	1:15	1:15	1:15	1:15
17	1:20	1:20	1:20	1:20
18	1:25	1:25	1:25	1:25
19	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30
20	1:35	1:35	1:35	1:35
21	1:40	1:40	1:40	1:40
22	1:45	1:45	1:45	1:45
23	1:50	1:50	1:50	1:50
24	1:55	1:55	1:55	1:55
25	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00
26	2:05	2:05	2:05	2:05
27	2:10	2:10	2:10	2:10
28	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15
29	2:20	2:20	2:20	2:20
30	2:25	2:25	2:25	2:25
31	2:30	2:30	2:30	2:30

NIAGARA GOES SOUTH ON HER OLD COURSE

Australian Liner Clearing To-morrow Afternoon for Antipodes

During her outward run from Victoria to Sydney, N.S.W., the Canadian-Australian liner Niagara, Capt. C. T. Rolia, will call at Honolulu and Suva, which ports were forsaken by ships of the Union fleet after the German cruisers commenced to menace British shipping in the Pacific. This ocean is now clear of all the Kaiser's fighting ships as a result of the wonderful "drive" of the combined British, Japanese and Australian fleets, and commerce is allowed to proceed without fear of interference.

The Canadian-Australian fleet has been maintaining the monthly service between here and the Antipodes with two ships since the war broke out. The Niagara was withdrawn from this trade to substitute for the Tahiti, requisitioned by the Australian government as a troopship, in the "Frisco" service. The Niagara and Makura on each of their outward trips received instructions from the admiralty as to the course to pursue, and they have been giving Honolulu and Suva wide berths and making Auckland, N.Z., their first point of call.

The Niagara is leaving Vancouver to-morrow at noon, and will arrive at Victoria about 4:30 o'clock. A number of passengers have been booked here for her, and she will have a good complement when she puts to sea. The steward's department is making splendid preparations for an elaborate feast on Christmas Day, and the travellers will not object to spending the holiday on the high sea.

Cyclops Sailing.

Another deep-sea departure to-morrow will be the Blue Funnel liner Cyclops, Capt. Arthur, which departs about noon. She will embark 500 Chinese passengers while berthed here. The Cyclops has loaded a full cargo of general freight on the Sound.

'FRISCO'S MARINE NEWS

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—After an absence of several months, during which she served as a transport, the Japanese steamer Nippon Maru, of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, arrived in port yesterday from Kobe via Yokohama and Honolulu. She brought 107 passengers and a full cargo of general Oriental freight, including three carloads of silk.

Completing a slow passage of 74 days from the island port of Apia, the schooner Annie Larson arrived in port yesterday. The windjammer brought 345 tons of copra.

The power codfishing schooner Golden State, which arrived Sunday night, 15 days from Pirae, brought 170,000 codfish, 150 barrels of codfish and 20 barrels of codfish tongues to the Union Fish company.

Laden with 2,400 tons of general eastern merchandise, the steamer Edgar H. Vance, of the Swayne & Hoyt fleet, arrived yesterday, 28 days from New York.

The Dutch steamer Kelbergen, the first steamer to come here from the east coast of South America via the Panama canal, arrived in port late yesterday afternoon, 40 days from Rio de Janeiro. The Kelbergen comes in ballast to load barley for the United Kingdom.

THE CHARTER MARKET

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Steam, outward—A brisk outward business has been in progress, and the demand from the Bristol channel ports has been quite active for all destinations. Tonnage has been more freely available at the recent level of rates, which was, however, steadily maintained. Cardiff paying 17s 6d to River Plate for a prompt, whilst Swansea paid 18s 3d to Genoa, and Glasgow to Bordeaux repeated 12s 6d. East coast ports were less busy on orders being withheld, but boats are firmly held, and Tyne paid 19s 6d to Port Said, whilst 18s 6d done to Genoa, and 19s to Barcelona. Time chartering keeps very firm on the basis of 6s 6d to 6s 3d for voyages and up to eight months' engagements.

Steam, homeward—North Pacific tonnage offers very sparingly and is firmly held for 60s, which charterers do not as yet respond to. Vladivostok is also hardening, and 40s indicated for U. K. Saigon paid 36s indicated new season Burnham. East Indies continue very quiet; 4 1/2 paid on time in Calcutta coal trade, and 5 1/2 same basis trip from Bombay to U. S. Mediterranean ports are still bare of tonnage, and boats prefer coming home in ballast. America continues very firm for steam, and extreme rates are being paid; 25s again done Gulf to Liverpool, whilst Savannah pays 28s 6d on net firm to Denmark, Cuba sugar pays 28s 3d to 26s to U. K. ports. River Plate very firm on comparative scarcity of tonnage, and 30s net paid for late December to U. K., whilst lower ports paid 28s to Genoa for February. Sail has a very slow market. North Pacific home rules firm.

GETS BIG HALIBUT CATCH.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—The fishing steamer Flamingo, which has arrived from the banks, brought in 45,000 pounds of halibut caught by hand lines. This system of fishing will be followed during the winter, as it can be operated during the rough weather, whereas dories can not be used during stormy spells. The Flamingo uses a power gurdy and fishes at great depths. A. L. Hager, manager of the New England Fish company, has returned from a tour of inspection and he looks for a good winter's fishing. The American steamers will operate away out to the westward and look for good ventures if the weather is moderate.

GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

FOR YOUR NEXT TRIP EAST

Victoria to Winnipeg

\$45.55

Including Meals and Berth to Prince Rupert

Lv. Victoria 10 a.m. Monday
Ar. Prince Rupert 8 a.m. Wednesday
Lv. Prince Rupert 10 a.m. Wednesday
Ar. Winnipeg noon Saturday

C. F. EARLE, Passenger Ticket Agent, City

Office, 503 Wharf St., New Post Office, Phone 1322.

GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company

Xmas and New Year Holidays

For the above holidays tickets will be sold between all points at fare and one-fifth for the return.

Tickets on sale Dec. 24 and 25, 31; Jan. 1, 1915. Final return limit Jan. 2, 1915. Extra time limits to Port Alberni, Courtenay and Lake Cowichan Branches.

Full particulars on application C. P. R. Offices, 1102 Government St.

L. D. CHETHAM District Passenger Agent

Phone 174 and 1594.

Union Steamship Company of B. C. Limited

Prince Rupert and Northern British Columbia Service

Regular Sailings to	River's Inlet
Prince Rupert	Campbell River
Bella Coola	Van Anda
Port Hardy	Calvert Island
Skeena River	Comox
Nanaimo	Kingcome Inlet
Green Point Rapids	
Butte Inlet	Jervis Inlet

And All Logging Camps and Canneries

For Further Particulars Apply

1003 Government Street. Phone 1925. GEO. McGREGOR, Agent

Transatlantic Sailings for England

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Tourist Sleepers on North Coast Limited in connection with the following sailings:—

S. S. "Adriatic" from New York	December 30th
S. S. "Lusitania" from New York	December 30th
S. S. "Pretorian" from St. John	January 1st
S. S. "Arabia" from New York	January 1st
S. S. "St. Paul" from New York	January 9th
S. S. "Mississippi" from St. John	January 15th

LOWEST RATES

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW and secure good accommodation

For full particulars, please call on, write or phone

E. E. BLACKWOOD

General Agent Northern Pacific Railway and All Atlantic Steamship Lines.

1234 Government Street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 456.

A. D. CHARLTON

A. G. P. A. Northern Pacific Railway, Portland, Ore.

LEGAL APPLICATIONS IN DOMINION TRUST

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—A shoal of applications in connection with the Dominion Trust company liquidation were on the supreme court chambers list this morning, most of them being adjourned until after the Christmas vacation. These include an application for a transfer of a mortgage in a case where it is alleged that the money given for the mortgage has been misapplied. Among the applications granted was one for leave to the liquidator to proceed with a probate action and prove the will of the late William R. Arnold. This heralds an attempt by the company to make an attack on the insurance moneys of the late managing director. Leave was also given to the Canada Life Association to proceed with its action against R. Rorison and the Dominion Trust company, the latter being trustee of Mr. Rorison's estate. The provisional liquidator was also permitted to resign from several trusts to which the company was acting as trustee.

RAILROADS CONSOLIDATED.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Consolidation of the Lake Shore Railroad company with the New York Central Railway company was effected here to-day at a meeting of Lake Shore stockholders when they ratified action taken by New York Central stockholders July 20 last. The merger involves \$300,000,000.

FIRE IN THEATRE.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Havas Agency has received a dispatch from Bilbao, Spain, saying a serious fire has broken out in the Arriaga theatre.

Morning Steamer for Seattle

S. S. "Sol Duc"

Leaves Victoria daily except Sunday at 11:00 a.m. from C. P. Dock for Port Angeles, Dungeness, Port Williams, Port Townsend and Seattle. Seattle passengers can transfer to S.S. "SEACOCK" at Port Angeles and arrive Seattle 4:30 p.m. Returning, S.S. "SOL DUC" leaves Seattle midnight, arriving Victoria 6:00 a.m.

Secure information and tickets from
E. E. BLACKWOOD, Agent,
1234 Government St. Phone 456.

WORK FOR THE VICTORIA PATRIOTIC FUND

Through Steamers to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego

Leave Victoria Friday, 11 p.m.
S.S. President or Governor
Largest, Finest Passenger Steamers To Alaska
Leave Seattle Dec. 27, Jan. 6, 14, 21
Call at Skagway, Juneau, Wrangell, Ketchikan and Prince Rupert
For particulars, call on
R. P. Rithet & Co. C. A. Solly
1117 Wharf St. 1003 Gov't St.

BUSINESS CHANCES

ness; can sell large quantities at lower than present prices; references given. Box 377, Times. d23

DANCING in St. John's Hall every Saturday at 8.30 p. m. Mrs. Ridgard's orchestra. 434

PUBLIC DANCE at Connaught Hall every Saturday evening. Gentlemen

50c., ladies free.

FURNISHED ROOMS

DENSMUIR ROOMS, 730 Fort street, all modern, cosy and warm; weekly rates, \$2.50 and up. j12

ARLINGTON ROOMS, 819 Fort. Bright outside rooms, hot and cold water, steam heat, renovated throughout, from \$2.75 to \$4 weekly. Phone B1390. d37

HELP WANTED—MALE.

WANTED—A good calendar salesman to travel the Island et. once, call on upon

tradesmen. State qualifications to J. A.
 Sewell, Duncan, B. C. 423
 HAVE PEACE in the family by buying
 our stove wood, Burf's. 418
HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS
 TWO FURNISHED, housekeeping rooms,
 8 minutes to town, from \$1.75 per week
 up, light and bath included. 738 Din-
 covery street. 422
 ONE TO FOUR unfurnished housekeep-

ing rooms, 3 minutes to town; \$4. 40
room, including lights and heat. 412
Discovery street.

**LARGE OR SMALL, FURNISHED, house-
keeping rooms. Maplehurst, 1829
Blanchard. 429**

**TO LET—Furnished, two extra large
front sleeping rooms, every con-
venience, bath, pantry. 1418 Fernwood
road, off Port. 430**

**LARGE FRONT ROOM, suitable light
housekeeping, suit one or two gentle-
men or ladies. 197 View street. 431**

**CLEAN, FURNISHED, housekeeping, one,
two and three-room flats, \$5 per
month up; all conveniences. 1036 Hill-
side avenue. 432**

MONEY TO LOAN.

**MONEY TO LOAN—\$3,500 at 6 per cent.
Dalby & Lawson, 615 Port street. 433**

SITUATIONS WANTED—(Male.)

**FOR SALE—1911 Russell, 7-passenger,
good running order; price \$550. T. Plim-**

ley, 120 Johnson street.	034
CHAUFFEUR, disengaged; wages moderate. Box 323, Times	032
WANTED TO RENT-HOUSES	
WANTED-Three or four roomed, comfortably furnished or partly furnished, modern, lungalow, careful tenant, no children, be moderate. Close to, James Bay preferred. Address X. Y. Z., Koenigs, B. C.	023
A FEW MORE-I require a few close-in houses to rent. J. O. Stinson, Phone 1672.	013
WANTED-HOUSES.	
WANTED-Bungalow, in good residential district; will make good cash payment; must be snap. Box 362, Times	025
WANTED-LOANS.	
WANTED-To borrow, \$5,000 at 10 per cent, for 2 years. \$25.00 security, best in the country, with \$50 brokerage, one year's interest in advance. Write to 408	028

Sayward Block. 623

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

WOULD LIKE care of one or two children, good home. Box 334, Times Office. 623

WANTED—A small range or cook stove. Box 364, Times. 628

CASH PAID for old gold teeth, nuggets, gold, gold dust, diamonds, silver, platinum, watches and new or old broken jewelry. M. Stern, 60 Bates street, upstairs. Phone 4316. Will call any part of city. 317

FOR SALE—LOTS

FOR SALE—Delivery wagon, fifteen hundredweight capacity, solid tires on rear; price \$750. T. Plimley, 730 Johnson street. 024

CLEAR TITLE LOT on Chandler avenue, near St. Charles street, value \$1,200; will trade for good automobile. Box 8855, Times. 021

FOR SALE—HOUSES
SNAP—Close to Burnside car, 4 roomed house, fully modern, only \$1,050. \$250 cash, balance on mortgage. Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort street. d21

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at their next sitting, for a transfer of the hotel license to sell liquor by retail now held by me in respect of the Victoria Hotel, situate at No. 1406 Government street, in the City of Victoria, from myself to Joseph Balagno.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1914.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the British Columbia
Railway Act,
and
In the Matter of the Expropriation by
the Canadian Northern Pacific Rail-
way Company of part of Lot 26

Section 79, Victoria District.

"TAKE NOTICE that the above named Company has," under the power conferred by the British Columbia Railway Act specifically assigned ALL the class

parcel of land, being part of Lot 20, Section 23, Victoria District, as shown on Land Registry Office Map 880, having a uniform width of sixty-eight and two tenths feet (68.2 ft.) and extending to the northern boundary of said lot, and containing the full width of the said lot and containing thirty-eight-hundredth acres (.38 ac.) more or less, and while land may also be described as a strip 68 feet in width along the southern boundary of Lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in the sub-

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the compensation payable by the above named Company in respect of the lands aforesaid has been determined, by arbitration at the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00).

lands or any part thereof shall as against the said Railway Company be converted into a claim for compensation or treated in like proportion thereof.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the award constituting the title of the above named Railway Company, an authentic copy of which has been filed with the Registrar of the Supreme Court at Victoria, has been obtained under the authority of the British Columbia Railway Commission.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that

all persons claiming an interest in or title to the said lands or any part thereof, or claiming any encumbrance upon the said lands must file their claims with the compensation or any part thereof with the Registrar of the Supreme Court at Victoria within three (3) months from the date hereof.

Dated the 3rd of December, A.D. 1914.

BOYDELL & LAWSON,
Solicitors for the above named Railway Company, whose address for service is 313 Government Street, Victoria.

17



MONEY TO LOAN

P. R. BROWN

1112 BROAD STREET

SMALL ACREAGE

1555 Wilmet Place, 7 rooms, per month \$30.00
 617 Pine St., 7 rooms, per month \$30.00
 Craigflower Rd., 10 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1146 Fort St., 7 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1225 Fowl Bay Rd., 6 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1341 Haultain St., 6 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1019 Frank St., 7 rooms, per month \$30.00
 243 Fernwood Rd., 7 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1251 Pandora Ave., 12 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1251 Pandora Ave., 6 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1746 Klonk St., 6 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1556 Yates St., 8 rooms, per month \$30.00
 654 Hildebrand Ave., 8 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1137 Caladonia Ave., 7 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1048 Mason St., 8 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1048 Mason St., 8 rooms, per month \$30.00
 2137 Spring St., 8 rooms, per month \$30.00
 702 Blanshard St., 8 rooms, per month \$30.00

Olympia Ave., 12 rooms, per month \$30.00
 Cecilia Rd., 6 rooms, per month \$30.00
 Herald St., 13 rooms, per month \$30.00
 George House, 13 rooms, per month \$30.00
 Langford St., 9 rooms, per month \$30.00

FOR SALE—HOUSES

A GENTLE SACHS—6 rooms, brand new, modern home, near city, circle and handy to high school, going at the sacrifice price of \$2,500, will take clear title city lot up to about \$1,000, if good value and about \$100 cash as first payment, balance to suit. National Realty Co., 1232 Government St. 421

A WORKINGMAN'S OPPORTUNITY—4 rooms, cottage on Langford street, Victoria, B.C., reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,000, \$100 cash balance small monthly payments. National Realty Co., 1232 Government street. 422

ANOTHER BIG SACRIFICE—in Victoria West, 3 rooms, furnished shop, on splendid lot 4x12, all in garden, chicken house, sun-parlor, of good fire-wood, etc., city lot, all owned worth \$1,500—owner leaving for Europe will sacrifice for \$800, \$100 cash, balance \$100 per month. National Realty Co., 1232 Government street. 423

FOR SALE—A modern, 5 rooms house on South Hampshire road, Oak Bay, at a sacrifice price of \$3,500, on terms to suit. 224 Pemberton block. 424

FOR SALE—ACREAGE

FOR SALE—Rancho, 25 h. p. 4-cylinder, 3 speeds, good order, \$575. T. P. Jones, 1014 Broad street (Pemberton block). 425

ABOUT 25 ACRES—excellent land, good 4-room house, fine barn, pig houses and chicken houses, price \$4,000, \$500 cash, balance very easy terms. Campbell Bros., 107 Government street. 426

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WAR PRICES—Carbon cleaned and valves ground, four-cylinder cars, \$19; six-cylinder, \$14. Oxy-acetylene welding at the right price. Harry Moore, 224, corner Menzies and Superior Sts. Phone 478. 427

CERTAINLY, Dixon printing in Victoria made and amongst the best. 700, Phone 2148. 428

TO EXCHANGE—50 feet on Douglas street, in good business location, 100 ft. frontage on Oak Bay, A. W. Bridgman, 1007 Government street. 429

OAK BAY THEATRE—Tonight, 11th episode, "The Heart of a Hero". 430

WANTED—Two rooms, with bath, or small flat, furnished, with or without board, neighborhood Yates and Douglas streets, suitable for man, wife and two-year-old child, give all particulars, terms must be reasonable. Address 428, 100 Times. 431

WANTED—Cook-general, for small family. Box 40, Times. 432

WILL'S—English pipes and smoking mixture, all best brands of cigars and cigarettes, and latest English papers, for sale at E. H. Cigar Stand, 622 Fort street (opposite Pemberton Building). Call and see our stock before Christmas. 433

RUSH your Xmas cards to us to print. Last call. Diggon Printing Co., 1014 Broad street (Pemberton block). 434

WILL THE PARTY who took the grey cheviot 30th century overcoat from the K. of P. Hall last night please return same to Whittaker's Barber Shop, Government street, as he is known. 435

ON THE BAY—Oak Bay Theatre, Thursday night, Christmas Eve. Bring your own. 436

CAST IRON, brass, steel and aluminum welded. H. Edwards, 735 Johnson St. 437

WANTED—Girl for house work. Apply 1013 Queen's avenue. 438

POMERANIAN PUPPIES, 1322 Haultain street. Phone 319. 439

STEWART ROOMING HOUSE, 323 Yates street, \$1.75 per week up. 440

CARPENTER—H. Brantley, 539 Yates St. Sold post card. 441

WALTZ and TWO-STEP guaranteed in 4 lessons by J. L. Reese, St. John's Hall, Herald street. 442

AMATEURS, AMATEURS, AMATEURS—Monster competition, Oak Bay Theatre, Christmas Eve. 443

FOR SALE—Six-cylinder, five-passenger, light touring car, in perfect condition, cheap for cash. Phone 41 or 2721. 444

DIGGON PRINTING CO., Phone 2148. 445

MONEY TO LOAN—We have the following amounts to loan on first mortgages: \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,000, \$2,500, \$3,000, \$3,500, \$4,000, \$4,500, \$5,000, \$5,500, \$6,000, \$6,500, \$7,000, \$7,500, \$8,000, \$8,500, \$9,000, \$9,500, \$10,000. National Realty Co., 1232 Government St. 446

COLE CAR No. 500, 5000 stage, leave Victoria, 9:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.; leave Seattle, 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Stand, Dixie Hotel, Broad street. 447

WANTED—A cook-general. Apply 4218, Quadra. 448

UNFURNISHED HOUSES TO LET

Cave St., 2 rooms, per month \$20.00
 204 Boucher St., 5 rooms, per month \$20.00
 510 Courtney St., 9 rooms, per month \$20.00
 1150 Faithful St., 7 rooms, per month \$20.00
 1162 View St., 7 rooms, per month \$20.00
 1513 Davis St., 5 rooms, per month \$20.00
 1055 Duchess St., 5 rooms, per month \$20.00
 356 Fowl Bay Rd., 6 rooms, per month \$20.00
 209 Superior St., 7 rooms, per month \$20.00
 1502 Beach Drive, 8 rooms, per month \$20.00
 1501 Rutland St., 5 rooms, with garage, per month \$20.00
 1505 Lee Ave., 5 rooms, per month \$20.00
 230 Shakespeare St., 5 rooms, per month \$20.00
 231 Shakespeare St., 5 rooms, per month \$20.00
 1814 Oak Bay Ave., 6 rooms, per month \$20.00
 154 Mary St., 6 rooms, per month \$20.00
 1543 Clarke St., 11 rooms, per month \$20.00
 72 Dallas road, 7 rooms, per month \$20.00

FURNISHED HOUSES TO LET

Wellington St., 9 rooms, per month \$30.00
 Fowl Bay Rd., 8 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1719 Stanley Ave., 5 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1501 Rutland St., 5 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1505 Lee Ave., 5 rooms, per month \$30.00
 1543 Clarke St., 11 rooms, per month \$30.00
 72 Dallas road, 7 rooms, per month \$30.00

FOR SALE—HOUSES

A GENTLE SACHS—6 rooms, brand new, modern home, near city, circle and handy to high school, going at the sacrifice price of \$2,500, will take clear title city lot up to about \$1,000, if good value and about \$100 cash as first payment, balance to suit. National Realty Co., 1232 Government St. 421

A WORKINGMAN'S OPPORTUNITY—4 rooms, cottage on Langford street, Victoria, B.C., reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,000, \$100 cash balance small monthly payments. National Realty Co., 1232 Government street. 422

ANOTHER BIG SACRIFICE—in Victoria West, 3 rooms, furnished shop, on splendid lot 4x12, all in garden, chicken house, sun-parlor, of good fire-wood, etc., city lot, all owned worth \$1,500—owner leaving for Europe will sacrifice for \$800, \$100 cash, balance \$100 per month. National Realty Co., 1232 Government street. 423

FOR SALE—A modern, 5 rooms house on South Hampshire road, Oak Bay, at a sacrifice price of \$3,500, on terms to suit. 224 Pemberton block. 424

FOR SALE—ACREAGE

FOR SALE—Rancho, 25 h. p. 4-cylinder, 3 speeds, good order, \$575. T. P. Jones, 1014 Broad street (Pemberton block). 425

ABOUT 25 ACRES—excellent land, good 4-room house, fine barn, pig houses and chicken houses, price \$4,000, \$500 cash, balance very easy terms. Campbell Bros., 107 Government street. 426

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WAR PRICES—Carbon cleaned and valves ground, four-cylinder cars, \$19; six-cylinder, \$14. Oxy-acetylene welding at the right price. Harry Moore, 224, corner Menzies and Superior Sts. Phone 478. 427

CERTAINLY, Dixon printing in Victoria made and amongst the best. 700, Phone 2148. 428

TO EXCHANGE—50 feet on Douglas street, in good business location, 100 ft. frontage on Oak Bay, A. W. Bridgman, 1007 Government street. 429

OAK BAY THEATRE—Tonight, 11th episode, "The Heart of a Hero". 430

WANTED—Two rooms, with bath, or small flat, furnished, with or without board, neighborhood Yates and Douglas streets, suitable for man, wife and two-year-old child, give all particulars, terms must be reasonable. Address 428, 100 Times. 431

WANTED—Cook-general, for small family. Box 40, Times. 432

WILL'S—English pipes and smoking mixture, all best brands of cigars and cigarettes, and latest English papers, for sale at E. H. Cigar Stand, 622 Fort street (opposite Pemberton Building). Call and see our stock before Christmas. 433

RUSH your Xmas cards to us to print. Last call. Diggon Printing Co., 1014 Broad street (Pemberton block). 434

WILL THE PARTY who took the grey cheviot 30th century overcoat from the K. of P. Hall last night please return same to Whittaker's Barber Shop, Government street, as he is known. 435

ON THE BAY—Oak Bay Theatre, Thursday night, Christmas Eve. Bring your own. 436

CAST IRON, brass, steel and aluminum welded. H. Edwards, 735 Johnson St. 437

WANTED—Girl for house work. Apply 1013 Queen's avenue. 438

POMERANIAN PUPPIES, 1322 Haultain street. Phone 319. 439

STEWART ROOMING HOUSE, 323 Yates street, \$1.75 per week up. 440

CARPENTER—H. Brantley, 539 Yates St. Sold post card. 441

WALTZ and TWO-STEP guaranteed in 4 lessons by J. L. Reese, St. John's Hall, Herald street. 442

AMATEURS, AMATEURS, AMATEURS—Monster competition, Oak Bay Theatre, Christmas Eve. 443

FOR SALE—Six-cylinder, five-passenger, light touring car, in perfect condition, cheap for cash. Phone 41 or 2721. 444

DIGGON PRINTING CO., Phone 2148. 445

MONEY TO LOAN—We have the following amounts to loan on first mortgages: \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,000, \$2,500, \$3,000, \$3,500, \$4,000, \$4,500, \$5,000, \$5,500, \$6,000, \$6,500, \$7,000, \$7,500, \$8,000, \$8,500, \$9,000, \$9,500, \$10,000. National Realty Co., 1232 Government St. 446

COLE CAR No. 500, 5000 stage, leave Victoria, 9:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.; leave Seattle, 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Stand, Dixie Hotel, Broad street. 447

WANTED—A cook-general. Apply 4218, Quadra. 448

OAK TREES AS ASSET

TO CITY PROPERTIES

Electric Co. Sued for Trespass on Craigdarroch Lot and Injury to Fine Old Oak

The value of trees as an asset, and the enhancement of the beauty of a residential site by the presence on it of some of the famous old oaks for which this city is noted, is the subject of a trial which began in the supreme court yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice Gregory, and will continue for the greater part of today.

James Parfitt is suing the B. C. Electric Light company for damages by reason of the trespass of employees of the company on lot 10 of the Craigdarroch estate, and the mutilation of one of the finest oaks there in the whole place. The city of Victoria is brought into the matter through having given the company permission to string wires past the point in question.

H. C. Hall, of Tait, Brandon and Hall, is acting for the plaintiff; H. B. Robertson and A. D. King are for the company, and City Solicitor Robertson, K. C., is watching the interests of the city.

Mr. Parfitt yesterday afternoon told of his purchase of the lot, which fronts on "F" street at the junction of Yates street, and is a splendid site for the apartment house which he planned to build. The tree stands at the outer edge of the lot and is, in fact, well known to all who travel up and down past the property for its straightness and stately beauty. Mr. Parfitt said he had purchased that particular lot because of the tree be-

ing there, and the attraction it would be to the premises he was intending to put up.

Evidence was given as to the damage done by the employees of the electric company, and the manner in which the tree was damaged. It was not denied that it was expedient that the wires should have been placed where they were, but it is the contention of the plaintiff that they could have been passed through by cutting away enough of the small branches to admit them and without injuring the appearance of the tree. The plaintiff's contention is that the company has gone on the property, broken down fences and mutilated the fine old tree without any word having been conveyed to him by the company.

On the resumption of the case to-day it was contended by Mr. Robertson that there was no case for him to meet, that there was no evidence of possession and therefore no trespass as against the plaintiff could be set up. He questioned the title of the plaintiff from Christopher Spencer, as the assignee of a contract with one Steele, under which \$1,000 is still due.

Mr. Hall cited authorities to prove his contention that no wrong deed could raise a question of title, nor could a third party come in and do so. The plaintiff's title was duly registered in the registry office. It was admitted that \$1,000 is still due.

His lordship reserved a decision on the point and directed that the defence proceed to offer evidence, if it had any.

H. M. Fullerton and other real estate men were called to testify as to the value of trees on a property. Their views were somewhat discordant, but in the main they were of opinion that this particular tree would be a detriment to an apartment house, which would come up close to it, as they thought. It appeared that there is a good deal of difference of opinion as to the value of trees among purchasers. In some cases a lot sells more readily because of the presence of trees on it, while in others it is considered that a clear lot is the more valuable.

The case is still at hearing.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

XMAS TREES at Foxglove, 168 Douglas, delivered in city \$2 to \$10. Phone 2148. 429

MODERN COTTAGE, five rooms, bath and pantry, also gas, central, 1601 Yates street. Apply 1141 Rockland, Phone 3191. 430

CHINESE YOUNG man wants house work of any kind. Box 230, Times. 431

TO TRADE FOR CITY PROPERTY—1913, 7-passenger car, in splendid running order, good tires and tubes, cost \$1,200. Will trade for city property. 432

RIFLES and FISHING TACKLE—Lieutenant C. F. Wheeler, who leaves for the front this week, offers for sale about one hundred dollars' worth of tools, rifles, fishing tackle, etc. These can be seen at the orderly room of the Victoria Volunteer Guard, Strathcona Hotel block, and the first offer will be accepted. 433

A SNAP—Auto repair shop, marine ways, will sell or trade for real estate or a launch. Apply 210 Belleville street, Victoria. Light motor truck and few marine engines for sale. 434

BORN—MORETON—On 21st inst., the wife of James Moreton, 170 Coronation avenue, a son. 435

DIED—WHITE—On the 20th inst., at Saanichton, B. C., Margaret Janet Galloway, wife of Horatio White. 436

The funeral will be private, and will take place at Saanichton. Besides her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Montague Burge, of England, and a son-in-law, Capt. Montague Burge, now serving at the front, survive. 437

REILLY—On the 20th inst., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Townsend, 2290 Oak Bay avenue, occurred the death of Mrs. G. G. Reilly, aged 74 years, a resident of Victoria for the past 24 years; born in England. She is survived by her husband and daughter, Mrs. J. J. Townsend, and adopted daughter, Mrs. W. H. Gibson, Collinson street, and a sister, Mrs. Chas. Jones, of Cleveland, Ohio. 438

The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 from Hanna & Thompson's Funeral Chapel, Rev. Mr. McCoy officiating. Interment Ross Bay cemetery. No flowers by request. 439

Last Call for Christmas Cards—Many nice designs left. Immediate delivery. Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd., 1012 Langley Street, next B. C. Electric. 440

Hotel Ritz, winter rates, rooms, \$2 per week and up. Turkey dinner, Xmas Day and Sunday, 50c. 441

VICTORIAN BACK FROM BATTLEFRONT

Saw Famous Charge of Ninth Lancers Which Saved His Battery

WAS FIGHTING CLOSE TO RHEIMS CATHEDRAL

Received Shrapnel Wound in Side in Fighting at Bruges; His Story

Invalided home with a shrapnel wound in his left side, Gunner W. Hill, of Victoria, arrived in the city last evening, and had a happy reunion with his family after passing through experiences which are likely to leave mental and physical marks upon him to the end of his days.

Gunner Hill is a relief driver at No. 2 hall of the Victoria fire department, and being a first-class reservist, left immediately at the opening of the war to join his old regiment, the famous Royal Field Artillery. He is the first Victorian to return from the front.

When he received his wound at Bruges, while his regiment was on the way to Ostend, to aid in the defence of the famous watering place. His main experiences were, however, at Rheims and at Ostend, at both of which places he saw plenty of fighting.

"At Rheims," he told the Times yesterday, "we were stationed about 200 yards from the famous cathedral which has suffered so severely from the bombardment by the Germans. All the houses in our vicinity were but a heap of stones, and most of our spare time was spent in burying the bodies of dead women and children we found within the fallen walls. We interred them in the cathedral itself, the inside of which was blown to atoms."

"We gave the Germans something to remember us by at Rheims, though. We drove them straight back from there for three miles. The grain was standing in the country back of the town, and so we painted the guns a khaki color so that they could not be distinguished from the corn."

"It was here, however, that we had our narrow escape, and 35 men of our company alone, met their end. It was here also that the Argyll Highlanders were cut up by a bayonet charge. We were just 200 yards behind blazing away for all we were worth, but the enemy were coming on in huge numbers and it looked pretty bad for us."

Lancers Charge.

"We were saved, however, by the brilliant charge of the Ninth Lancers and Hussars. They fell upon the Germans on both the right and left flanks, and cut several regiments to ribbons, pursuing the enemy for miles."

Speaking of the life in the trenches, Gunner Hill said that at the first conditions were terrible with the mud and unsanitary locations. But by degrees it improved as time went on, and later the men enjoyed many comforts. The food was very good indeed. They had plenty of good bread and jam, soup and stew and tea, and only once did the men have to do without food, on that occasion they had to exist on the biscuits the soldier always carries with him. The gunner pays a tribute to the unflinching good humor of the allied troops.

"They are always singing and joking in the trenches," he remarked, "and their good humor is never curtailed by the blackest conditions."

The French troops, too, he found to be very likeable and full of fun, and a regiment of Turcos near where he and his unit were stationed were continually coming to them for English biscuits, which they enjoyed above everything else.

Mowed Them Down.

"The occasion on which I got the best view of a German attack was near Bruges. They advanced to within two hundred yards of us. They were wearing English overcoats they had captured as Monks, and their uniforms were coated thick with mud and dirt."

"They did not come in open order, but packed close like sheep. Through the glasses we could see them lift from the ground, if any existed, and among them, and then fall in heaps. We could not miss them."

"They have a peculiar way of advancing. They come, as I have said, not in extended formation, and they carry their rifles at their hips, firing from that position as they come. They are rank, bad shots with the rifle, but their bayonet work is pretty good. They have saw-shaped bayonets."

Fighting at Night.

"Their artillery, however, is wonderful. They seem to have the range of every position in a moment. They kept us awake all night. At 7.30 they would start in pounding away at our trenches with their big guns and would continue incessantly until next morning. They would locate our positions by huge searchlights which nothing could evade, and then would come the boom of the gun, we would see a 'coal box' in the air, and then the air would be filled with the abominable stench of the shell as it burst. Sometimes a whole trench would be completely destroyed by one shell, the men for yards being buried in the earth and mud."

"During the daytime we nearly always had one or two Taubes, like big white doves, hovering over us. At intervals they would drop something like a silver ball which sprayed out and gave their gunners the range. One of them we brought down, and driver and machine ended their career in a swift flowing brook."

"The French artillery was splendid, too, their quick-firers being something to marvel at. For our own part, our work usually consisted in driving 'hell-for-leather' up to a certain position, firing two or three well-directed shots and then riding back again to safety. For the Germans found the range so quickly, it was not always health to stay. The British very often lost men through over-anxiousness, for the infantry got tired of being peppered in the trenches and wanted to give the Germans a bit of steel. As soon, however, as the men showed themselves above the trench top, a withering infantry fire would make them get back."

"We lost a tremendous number of dispatch-riders. They, too, I think, were often over-anxious and with their motorcycles tried to penetrate too far, regardless of their own safety. The result was that very often messages went astray."

Unaware of British.

"One day we captured about 120 Germans. They surrendered to us after we had peppered them for some time. The only man among them who could talk English was an erstwhile waiter in Manchester, and you never saw a man so surprised in his life when he saw we were British. None of his regiment had an idea that the British were in the war at all. They thought they were only fighting the French."

"With this same band we captured four of their portable soup kitchens, with the funny little funnel behind the driver's seat. Their commissariat arrangements are not nearly so good as ours and the men we saw were always hungry."

"At Ostend we kept the enemy back with a very inferior force for four days. We were short on artillery and that is the reason why our regiment was hurried there from Rheims. But we had to retire eventually, and as my wound was troubling me I was eventually taken to England."

"The dispatch of the troops to the continent, as everybody knows, was carried out with the utmost secrecy. Our regiment went over on the London and South Western steamer from Southampton, and we landed at a little port fairly close to Ostend. The reception we got was tremendous. We were practically carried along the streets and my shoulder-straps were torn off by some ardent souvenir-hunter."

"What is the general feeling among the troops as to the outcome of the war?" the gunner was asked.

"I predict it will be over by March," he answered unhesitatingly. "Big reinforcements are to be poured into France early in the New Year, when everybody has begun to believe the big general advance will take place."

"I will go back again if they want me," he concluded.

QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP

Chicago Music House Seeks to Recover a Piano Shipped to This City by Railway.

A point of interest to shippers and to transportation companies was before Judge Lammiman in county court chambers this forenoon, when E. C. Mayers asked leave to file an interpleader issue in a suit which a piano warehouse is taking against a purchaser and others.

H. B. Robertson, who is acting for the plaintiffs, stated the facts of the case as his clients set them forth. It appears that some months ago Lyon and Healy, of Chicago, sold a piano on the instalment system to one Geary, of this city. In the course of time it was discovered that the piano had been shipped out of the city by Geary and that it was conveyed to this city with a car-load of other merchandise and effects, consigned to one C. W. Payne, with instructions to notify Geary. It was brought in, of course, over the tracks of the E. & N. Railway company.

The action was brought by Lyon and Healy cities Geary, Payne and the railway company as defendants, and asks for a declaration by the court that the piano is the property of the plaintiff firm. There has been no appearance filed by Geary, and there is no defence made by him. Mr. Robertson considered that there was practically an interpleader issue now by the situation of the company as a co-defendant, and he could not see why there should be another.

Mr. Mayers argued that the company was holding the piano for the shipper and consignee, and that if judgment went by default, as appeared likely since the individual defendants had made no move, they would be able to come back at the railway company and claim that it had been delinquent in its duty to them by not fighting the case.

Mr. Robertson took the ground that if Geary and Payne let the case go by default, having been served, and made no attempt to prove their ownership in the instrument, if any existed, they could not come back at the company. If the action were against the railway company alone it would be a different case, but as it was the other parties were notified and took no steps to assert any right they might have. If the court made an order declaring that the ownership of the piano was in Lyon and Healy this would constitute the best possible answer. There could be to any action

BANK OF MONTREAL

ESTABLISHED 1817

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

H. V. Meredith, Esq., President.
 R. B. Angus, Esq., Vice-President.
 Hon. Robt. Mackay, Esq., Vice-President.
 C. R. Hooper, Esq., Vice-President.
 H. R. Drummond, Esq., Vice-President.
 Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, K. C. V. O., Vice-President.
 A. Baumgarten, Esq., Vice-President.
 D. Forbes Angus, Esq., Vice-President.
 Sir William Macdonald, Esq., Vice-President.
 David Morrice, Esq., Vice-President.
 C. B. Gordon, Esq., Vice-President.
 Wm. McMaster, Esq., Vice-President.

Sir FREDERICK WILLIAMS-TAYLOR, General Manager.
 Bankers in Canada and London, Eng., for the Canadian Government. Branches established throughout Canada and Newfoundland, at each of which is a

Savings Department

where Deposits of \$1.00 and upward are received and Interest allowed at highest current rates. Savings Department accounts given special attention.

C. SWEENEY, Sup't. of British Columbia Branches, VANCOUVER.
 A. MONTIZAMBERT, Manager, VICTORIA.



PORTLAND CANAL SOLD ONE AND HALF CENTS

Snowstorm Advanced Five Cents and Was Bullish Feature of List

There were sales of Portland Canal this morning at 1 1/2c per share, with an earlier tendency in the issue following transactions, and thence demand renewal for the stock.

Snowstorm was a bullish feature, making an excellent advance of five cents. Rambler, on the other hand, dragged poorly at first and then dropped back considerably on what appeared an excess of offerings and consequent lessened support.

Coronation Gold lost one cent in the bidding, but no significance was attached to this, in view of the desultory condition of the market in these shares, where neither buying or selling propositioned.

Blackbird Syndicate	21d. Asked
B. C. Refining Co.	30.00
B. C. Copper Co.	30.00
C. N. P. Fisheries	30.00
Coronation Gold	30.00
Lucky Jim Zinc	30.00
McGillivray Coal	30.00
Nugget Gold	30.00
Portland Canal	30.00
Rambler	30.00
Red Cliff	30.00
Standard Lead	30.00
Snowstorm	30.00
Stewart M. & D.	30.00
Stewart Star	30.00
S. S. Island Creamery	30.00
Stewart Land	30.00

Unlisted	21d. Asked
Gladier Creek	30.00
Island Investment	30.00
Union Club (deb.)	30.00
Western Can. F. Mills	30.00
Atabasca Oil	30.00
Portland Tunnel	30.00
Sooke Waterworks	30.00

2.00 Portland 30.00
 2.00 Portland 30.00

REMARKABLE BULLISH TURN IN WHEAT PIT

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
 Chicago, Dec. 22.—Surprising action took place in wheat to-day, a moderate bulge to 124 1/2c, December and 125 1/2c, May on early trading, a bearish turn with a break to 122 1/2c and 123 1/2c, due to reports of foreigner re-selling wheat on seaboard on Dec. 21. At the same time the bears figured on a lid-up in the export sales because of the recent return in prices. The early selling pressure laid the foundation for the remarkable bull turn which started about mid-day. At that time seaboard houses confirmed heavy exports by Chicago contract and in other quarters as well. Several northwest houses sent very bullish estimates on the shortage of spring wheat supplies to run to another harvest, indicating that heavy drain will be felt by winter wheat states. The big export concerns, the wire houses, fresh investors and shorts all took the buying side the last hour.

Wheat—	Open	High	Low	Close
July	119 1/2	120 1/2	118 1/2	120 1/2
Dec.	124 1/2	125 1/2	122 1/2	124 1/2
May	125 1/2	126 1/2	123 1/2	125 1/2

Corn—	Open	High	Low	Close
July	54 1/2	55 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2
Dec.	55 1/2	56 1/2	54 1/2	55 1/2
May	56 1/2	57 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2

Oats—	Open	High	Low	Close
July	18 1/2	18 3/4	18 1/4	18 1/2
Dec.	18 3/4	18 5/8	18 1/8	18 3/4
May	18 5/8	18 7/8	18 3/8	18 5/8

Flax—	Open	High	Low	Close
July	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 1/2
Dec.	10 3/4	10 5/8	10 1/8	10 3/4
May	10 5/8	10 7/8	10 3/8	10 5/8

Short Ribs—	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 1/2
Dec.	10 3/4	10 5/8	10 1/8	10 3/4
May	10 5/8	10 7/8	10 3/8	10 5/8

Long Ribs—	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 1/2
Dec.	10 3/4	10 5/8	10 1/8	10 3/4
May	10 5/8	10 7/8	10 3/8	10 5/8

Butter—	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 1/2
Dec.	10 3/4	10 5/8	10 1/8	10 3/4
May	10 5/8	10 7/8	10 3/8	10 5/8

Eggs—	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 1/2
Dec.	10 3/4	10 5/8	10 1/8	10 3/4
May	10 5/8	10 7/8	10 3/8	10 5/8

Beans—	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 1/2
Dec.	10 3/4	10 5/8	10 1/8	10 3/4
May	10 5/8	10 7/8	10 3/8	10 5/8

Peas—	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 1/2
Dec.	10 3/4	10 5/8	10 1/8	10 3/4
May	10 5/8	10 7/8	10 3/8	10 5/8

Lard—	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 1/2
Dec.	10 3/4	10 5/8	10 1/8	10 3/4
May	10 5/8	10 7/8	10 3/8	10 5/8

Sugar—	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 1/2
Dec.	10 3/4	10 5/8	10 1/8	10 3/4
May	10 5/8	10 7/8	10 3/8	10 5/8

FRENCH PARLIAMENT HOLDS WAR SESSION

Premier Says Nation Will Right Wrongs and Crush Prussian Militarism

Paris, Dec. 22.—Premier Viviani, stating the views of the government concerning the war to the chamber of deputies to-day, said: France, acting in accord with her allies, will not sheath her arms until after taking vengeance for outraged rights; until she has united for all-time to the French fatherland the provinces ravished from her by force; restored heroic Belgium to the fullest of her material life and her physical independence, and until Prussian militarism has been crushed, to the end that it be possible to reconstruct, on a basis of justice, a Europe regenerated.

"If this contest is the most gigantic ever recorded in history, it is not because the people are hurrying themselves into warfare to conquer territory to win enlargement of material life and economic and political advantages, but because they are struggling to determine the fate of the world," the premier continued. "Nothing greater has ever appeared before the vision of man."

"Again barbarity and despotism; against the system of provocations and methodical menaces which Germany called war; against the insolent hegemony of a military caste which loosed the scourge, France the emancipator, France the victorious at the side of her allies advanced to the fray."

"That is the stake. It is greater than our lives. Let us continue them, to have but one united soul and to-morrow in the peace of victory, we shall recall with pride these days of tragedy, for they will have made of us more valorous and better men."

Several places in the chamber were vacant when the historic war session opened. Some of these were because of deaths on the battlefields and others because the soldier deputies have refused to leave their posts in the ranks at the battle-front.

"None of the members was in uniform. General Joffre has issued instructions permitting the wearing of civilian attire under certain circumstances and to appear in the chamber of deputies in civilian clothes was regarded as more in accord with Republican ideas."

Nearly 200 deputies have joined the colors. Some are serving as privates, others have high rank, and others are doing duty in different military departments. Several members of the chamber were in their constituencies in the north at the time the Germans began their remarkable dash to the southward at the beginning of the war. Some of these men were able to make their way through the lines of the German troops, but others could not and were detained as hostages.

Representatives of all political groups, from Socialists to extreme Conservatives, had assembled in the lobby of the chamber before M. Paul Deschanel, speaker of the house, rang his bell calling order.

The discussions among them were conducted with a great degree of animation. Nevertheless it was easy to discern the new national spirit which has been evident since the beginning of hostilities. It pervaded the entire assemblage and the members of the chamber generally expressed their determination to show confidence in the administration by supporting the government proposals without argument.

On the three seats belonging to the deputies who have lost their lives on the field of battle, there had been placed wreaths of evergreens tied with the dead man's tri-color sash.

When the Abbe Lemire entered the chamber he was the centre of hearty congratulations for his patriotic conduct as mayor of the town of Hazebrouck, a locality which has been devastated by the Germans.

A stirring and patriotic address by M. Deschanel aroused the chamber members to enthusiastic cheering.

CANADIAN CHAPLAIN MARRIED IN LONDON

London, Dec. 22.—Major Rev. Richard Henry Steacey, senior chaplain of the Canadian forces, was married in London on December 22 to Elsie Mary, daughter of the Hon. Dingley Denham, premier of Queensland. Charles William Todd, of Newport Salop, will marry in the middle of January in London Violet Radwill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Radwill, of Canada. The engagement is announced of Charles E. Tucker, of Birtle, Manitoba, to Rita, daughter of Christopher and Mrs. Clarke, of Charlott Bedale.

SUCCESSFUL ISSUE OF GRAND TRUNK NOTES

London, Dec. 22.—The Grand Trunk railway issue of three-year 4 1/2 per cent. guaranteed notes has been a great success. The lists were closed to-day one day ahead of time.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	7 1/4	7 5/8	7 1/8	7 1/2
March	7 3/4	7 7/8	7 3/8	7 3/4
May	7 5/8	7 9/8	7 5/8	7 5/8
July	7 7/8	8 1/8	7 7/8	7 7/8
Sept.	7 9/8	8 3/8	7 9/8	7 9/8
Dec.	7 11/8	8 5/8	7 11/8	7 11/8

METAL MARKETS.	New York	Dec. 22
Copper dull; electrolytic	\$13.25	\$13.25
Castings	\$12.125	\$12.125

Claim for Damages.—A dangerous pole which has led to a damage claim by ex-Alderman Gleason for collision with it, is situated at the corner of Pandora avenue and Fernwood road. The city solicitor and the engineer advise that as the pole belongs to the B. C. Electric Railway company and is also used by the B. C. Telephone company, the city must submit to be sued, and then add the other company of companies as third parties, the city can then assert its claim, unless the companies are willing to pay without suit. This advice will be followed.

All Goods Go at Prices Regardless of Cost

Gift Seekers and Others Made Happy at Finchs' Bankrupt Sale

Women! Girls!—and Men, too, come with the throngs of bargain hunters who are saving many dollars hourly where at previous sales they've only saved cents. Gift things here by the hundreds, and wearables you want yourself at prices at half and less than half of usual sale figures.

COME! COME! COME! COME!



Model Cloaks and Gowns at Such a Sacrifice

Gowns to \$200 for \$25.00
 10 only, Exclusive Evening and Afternoon Model Gowns. Priced up to \$200.
 To-day \$25.00

Reg. \$65.00 Gowns for \$10.00
 15 only, Afternoon and Evening Gowns of lace, silk, crepe de chine, and some very pretty broadened effects. Good variety of pastel shades. Regular to \$65.00.
 For \$10.00

Reg. \$50.00 Cloak for \$25.00
 1 only, Opera Cloak, in tango cut, plush lined, with tango silk, and collar of white fur. Reg. \$50.00, for \$25.00

Reg. \$60.00 Cloak for \$25.00
 1 only, Opera Cloak of suede plush, in rich shade of leather; tan; lined throughout with white silk; large fur collar. Regular \$60.
 for \$25.00

Reg. \$35.00 Cloak for \$37.50
 1 only, Opera Cloak of purple silk velvet, handsomely lined with white broadened silk, collar of white broadcloth, and trimmed with monkey fur. Regular \$35.00, for \$37.50

Reg. \$55.00 Cloak for \$25.00
 1 only, Opera Cloak of black silk velvet, lined with old gold satin; collar trimmed with old gold broadcloth and sable fur; featuring the new high waist belt effect. Regular \$55.00, for \$25.00

Reg. \$85.00 Cloak for \$37.50
 1 only, Opera Cloak of green silk velvet, lined with extra quality floral design silk; collar trimmed with Russian fitch. Regular \$85.00, for \$37.50

Reg. \$60.00 Cloak for \$25.00
 1 only, Purple Silk Velvet Cloak, lined with rich floral design broadened silk; collar and cuffs trimmed with white fur. Regular \$60.00, for \$25.00

No Goods Charged or Sent on Approbation During Sale, and No Goods Exchanged

719 YATES ST. FINCH BLOCK PHONE 1404

ONE-HALF PRICE AND LESS ON LADIES' NEW NECKWEAR

This includes the new organdie lace and muslin effect, featuring the new military and lily roll styles in vestee and yokes.

\$2.00 lines for	\$1.00
\$1.50 lines for	75c
\$1.00 lines for	50c
75c lines for	35c
50c lines for	25c
25c lines for	15c



PLAIN AND NOVELTY HANDBAGS

Leathers, Moire Silks, Beaded Effects and Assorted Suede Leathers. Black and colors included in the following lots:

LOT No. 1—Regular to \$5.00 for	\$1.95
LOT No. 2—Regular to \$6.50 for	\$2.95
LOT No. 3—Regular to \$10.00 for	\$4.95
LOT No. 4—Regular to \$25.00 for	\$6.95

UMBRELLAS

LOT 1—Ladies' Pure Silk Covered Umbrellas, gold-filled handles. Priced to \$25.00 for	\$7.50
LOT 2—Umbrellas regular \$4.00 to \$5.00 for	\$2.25
LOT 3—Umbrellas regular \$2.50 for	\$1.25

Men's Umbrellas to Be Cleared at One-Half Price and Less

HOSIERY

Lot 1—Celebrated Hole-proof Hosiery, in light and dark grey, tan and white. Regular \$1.00 for 75c

Lot 2—Kaiser Silk Hosiery, in black only. Reg. \$2.50, for \$1.00

Lot 3—Kaiser Silk Hosiery, shaped leg. Reg. \$1.50, for \$1.25

Lot 4—Onyx Silk Hosiery, in black and colors. Reg. \$1.50, for \$1.00

Lot 5—Penman's Black and White Silk Foot Hose. Regular \$1.00, for 75c

Lot 6—Penman's Silk Foot Hose, in black and white. Regular 75c, for 50c



TERRIFIC REDUCTIONS IN HANDKERCHIEFS

Lot No. 1—Real Lace Handkerchiefs, from \$50.00 to \$10.00. HALF-PRICE

Lot No. 2—Ladies' Hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs. Regular 20c each. Sale price, 2 for 25c

Lot No. 3—Fancy Lace and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, some with colored edge. Regular to \$1.00. Sale price, 3 for 50c

Lot No. 4—Ladies' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with fancy embroidered patterns. Reg. \$1.50, for 25c

Lot No. 5—Fancy Embroidered and Colored-Edged Handkerchiefs. Reg. up to 75c, 2 for 25c

Lot No. 6—Plain Embroidered Handkerchiefs, with hemstitched edge. Regular 50c each, 2 for 25c

Lot No. 7—Gents' Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs. Reg. 70c, for 35c

Reg. 50c, for 25c

These are two very fine lines.

A MILLINERY FEAST

14 only, Smart Model Hats, large and small shapes. Regular to \$15.00, for \$3.75

A number of Glorious Model Hats, including Vogue and Gainsborough models. All exclusive patterns. Regular \$35.00, for \$7.50

All Feathers, Plumes, Mounts, Flowers, Ribbons, etc., to clear at 1/2 Price

WONDERFUL BLOUSE SAVING

One Line of Blouses, every one of this season's late buying, including such dainty materials as shot taffetas, chiffons, messallines, figured marquisettes, silk de sole, organdies. All featuring the new roll collar, full sleeve, mostly finished with the new deep cuff. Almost every conceivable shade represented in this showing. Values to \$8.50, for \$2.95

4% Be Careful-- Be Thrifty-- Be Saving--
 Savings Count When Necessity Comes
 Your Savings Protected by:
 Paid-Up Capital and Reserve \$3,008,775
 Total Assets 7,480,339
 Your savings subject to cheque withdrawal. Interest compounded quarterly.
 GOVERNMENT AUTH. ACCEPT DEPOSITS
The Great West Permanent Loan Company
 Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Specialties For Christmas

English Meat Pies, each	25¢, 50¢, \$1.00
Dixie English Plum Puddings	75¢, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00
Dixie Fruit Cakes	35¢, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00
Dixie Famous Sausages, per lb.	25¢
C. & B. Metz Fruits	50¢ and \$1.00
Cadbury's Chocolates	10 per cent. off
Bon Bons	15 per cent. off
Artificial Flowers	10 per cent. off
English Stilton Cheese	55¢ per lb.
Local Turkeys and Eastern.	

Dixie H. Ross & Company

INDEPENDENT GROCERS, 1317 GOVERNMENT STREET
Telephones 50, 51, 52. Liquor Dept., Tel. 53

PHONE 2908.

601 ESQUIMALT ROAD

VICTORIA FEED CO.

Dealers in
Hay, Grain, Flour, Potatoes and Poultry Foods
Call, write or phone for prices.

THE EXCHANGE

118 FORT ST. PHONE 127
Indian Baskets and Miniature
Totem Poles for
CHRISTMAS GIFTS.
Antique Furniture Repaired.

Maynard & Sons

AUCTIONEERS

Special Sale

TO-MORROW

Of Elegant and Costly Cut Glass,
Sterling Silver and Silver Deposit
Ware, Plated Ware, Cutlery and
China; also Furniture and Effects
of a high-class order.

Including: Cut Glass Bowls, Vases,
Jugs, Bon-Bon Dishes, Sugars and
Creams, Nappies, Celery Dishes, Al-
mond Dishes, and a fine lot of other
Pieces of Cut Glass, 15 Assorted Pieces
of Silver Deposit Ware, 36 Pieces of
Assorted Sterling Silver, Casserole
Dishes, Entree Dishes, Plated Electric
Kettle, Toaster and Perculator, Maho-
gany 4 Day Clock, Cutlery, Carving Sets
and other Plated and Silver Ware, etc.

FURNITURE AND EFFECTS

Including: Reed Chairs and Rockers,
Oak Library Table, Oak Leather Seat
Arm Chairs, Rockers, Jardiniere
Stands, Wicker Tea Table, Very Good
Carpet Squares, All-Brass Bedsteads,
Iron Bedsteads, Springs, Mattresses,
Mahogany and Oak Chiffoniers, Ma-
hogany and Oak Dressers, Dressers and
Stands, Bedding, Large Doll House,
Paintings, Kitchen Tables, Lot of New
Enamel Ware, Washing Machine,
Wringer, Steel Range, Heaters, Tubs,
Parlor Stoves, Lot of Raisins, etc. Now
on view.

MAYNARD & SONS, Auctioneers.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Vic-
toria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 22—5 a. m.—Although the
barometer remains high here there are
indications of approaching stormy weather
with rain. Heavy rains prevail at
Prince Rupert, and easterly gales are
likely on the coast from Vancouver Island
to California. Zero temperatures con-
tinue in Manitoba and snow is reported
at Memphis.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday.
Victoria and vicinity—Increasing easterly
winds, unsettled and milder, with
rain to-night or on Wednesday.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, un-
settled and milder, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.47; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 27;
wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.53; tempera-
ture, minimum yesterday, 34; wind, calm;
weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.48; tempera-
ture, minimum yesterday, 9; wind, calm;
weather, clear.
Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.42; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 42;
wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.
Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.59; tem-
perature, maximum yesterday, 32; mini-
mum, 24; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather,
clear.
Seattle—Barometer, 30.50; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 34;
wind, 4 miles N.; weather, cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.62; tem-
perature, maximum yesterday, 56; mini-
mum, 48; wind, 12 miles N. E.; weather,
clear.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.00; tem-
perature, maximum yesterday, 38; mini-
mum, 28; wind, 48 miles S. E.; rain, 2.33;
w. c. 1. rain.

Temperature.

	Max.	Min.
Pentton	22	11
Nelson	16	5
Calgary	30	14
Edmonton	24	4
Prinos Albert	12	13
Winnipeg	14	20
Toronto	32	23
Ottawa	23	13
Montreal	24	14
St. John	30	20
Halifax	34	24

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 8 a. m., noon and 5
p. m., Monday.

	Temperature.
Highest	40.2
Lowest	31.8
Average	32.9
General state of weather, cloudy.	

SEWER IS PROCEEDING IN THREE SECTIONS

Steady Progress on Northwest
Trunk System; Excavated
Material Used

Although the outfall portion of the
northwest sewer has not yet been formally
placed at the disposal of the Es-
quimalt council, some sewerage is al-
ready passing through the temporary
outfall at Macaulay Point. The sub-
sidence portion of the outfall, however,
will not be constructed till the spring.
The principal work is now concen-
trated round Sea Terrace and at the
intersection of Hereward road and Wil-
son street and on Bean street. Con-
struction of the tunnel for the concrete
pipe and channel to carry off surface
water in Victoria West is now proceed-
ing round Sea Terrace, where the sewer
pipe will separate from the storm
water elbow, the latter carrying its
contents into West Bay. Work is now
in progress on this elbow, which is also
designed to care for the water drained
at Hereward road, where work had to
be suspended because the pumps were
unable to cope with the flood of surface
water which was encountered there in
open excavations.

The engineers have opened a shaft at
the intersection of Wilson street and
Hereward road. To put to some prac-
tical use the rock which is being re-
moved for the shaft, an excellent
scheme has been devised. A head gear
is being used. It collects the material
from the buckets and passes it into
buckets to be taken away as crushed
rock for the city streets. This is the
first time that this plan has been used
and it is proving satisfactory. A simi-
lar arrangement will be installed at
Sea Terrace for the same purpose. The
drills bring out pieces of rock very
suitable for road-making material.

When the grade level is reached bor-
ing at Hereward road shaft will pro-
ceed north and south. A slight change
in the alignment of the tunnel between
the Esquimalt road and this shaft has
been made.

North of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo

railway track tunnel work is to pro-
ceed west from Bean street and east
from this shaft. It is planned to com-
municate on the north with the tunnel
that has been driven 700 feet from the
entrance at Solikirk under Sunny-
side Terrace. It is at the north end of
this tunnel that there will be the
siphon across the Gorge to bring the
sewerage collected in the low-lying dis-
tricts of Saanich and the northwestern
part of the city. Tunnel work will con-
tinue till next June. It is estimated at
present.

FINE HOLIDAY BILL

Much Variety at Pantages; a Gift Min-
strel Show; James J. Corbett
and His Stories.

Variety, which runs all the way
from James J. Corbett's monologues to
a tabloid minstrel show in which
several accomplished young women
supply the musical numbers and
dances, is the keynote of the Christ-
mas bill being offered at Pantages
theatres this week. It is a programme
thoroughly up to the excellent stand-
ard set during the past number of
weeks. Three large audiences yester-
day accorded it warm approval.

The "Minstrels de Luke" quickly es-
tablished the fact with their audience
that black-face comedians and other
male singers are not the only ones
who can succeed with a minstrel of-
fering. "Please Do My Family a Fa-
vor," sung by the Misses Varcoe and
Franchi, the "Down Home Rag," a
very unusual eccentric dance executed
gracefully and with skill by the
Misses Booth and Swain, and "Michi-
gan" sung by the Misses Varcoe and
accompanied with a pleasing dance
by her and the Misses Booth Swain
and La Verne, were some of the num-
bers.



You Make No Mistake in Buy- ing Slippers

Because the style or size can be
exchanged after the holidays.
We have the most complete stock
of Christmas Goods here. Read
the prices below, but visit the
store and see the whole line.

FOR CHILDREN

Checked Felt Ankle Straps, 60c, 50c, 40c and 35¢
Red Felt Ankle Straps, with painted design on toes; all sizes;
75c and 65¢

FOR MEN

Checked Felt, Everett style, leather outsole; 90c and 75¢
Plain Black Felt, leather bindings and sole; a good grade Slip-
per \$1.25
Black Leather Opera style, \$2.50, \$2.00 \$1.25

FOR WOMEN

Satin Quilted Slippers, assorted shades 75¢
"Kosy" Slippers, British made; all sizes 75¢
Checked Felt Turn-overs, leather outsoles 75¢
Slipper Trees, ready for trimming 15¢

A full stock of these
high-grade Felt and
Fleece-Lined Slippers.

JAEGER
Fine Pure Wool

We deliver any package Christmas Eve.

MUTRIE & SON

1209 Douglas St.

Phone 2504

MOTOR BOAT OWNERS.

Who require equipment or fittings of any description
have the largest stock to choose from at our
premises.

PETER McQUADE & SON, LIMITED

SHIP CHANDLERS 1214 WHARF STREET

SUITABLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Send a Box of Apples, a Sack of Potatoes, or a Sack of Flour to
your friends. They are quite in order and prices right.

Potatoes, per 100 lbs. \$1.25
Flour (brand), per sack \$1.75
Apples, per box \$1.15

Tel. 415. SYLVESTER FEED CO. 709 Yates St.

A Gift for the Girl or Boy

A pair of ROLLER SKATES—what fun the youngster would
have with these. Good healthy fun.

Per Pair, \$2.00, \$1.00 and 75c

Exceptionally fine lines of Cutlery with or without cases.

Drake Hardware Co., Ltd.

Phone 1645.

1418 Douglas Street

BUY ISLAND COAL

When you order Coal remember two things—the best coal you can
buy is Vancouver Island Coal, and when you use it you are supporting
home industry. Our Coal is all

New Wellington

CASH \$6.50 PER TON

DELIVERED IN CITY LIMITS

The finest domestic coal on the market—double-screened sack lump.
Full weight or no charge.

TRY A TON TO-DAY

J. KINCHAM & CO.

Pemberton Block. 1004 BROAD STREET. Phone 647
20 Sacks per Ton; 100 Pounds per Sack.

traction of merit. He was greeted
with an excellent reception yesterday.
The complications into which
"Jack Brown" (Harold Holland), a
newly-wed, was led when he essayed
to substitute a friend, "Harry Smith"
(Leslie Adams) for his wife in her
absence in order to win a bet with his
office-companions that he could prove
he was married, evoked so much
laughter that the action of the piece at
times had to be stayed in order that
the audience might regain control of
its emotions. The name of the sketch
is "He's Married All Right."
The Transfield Sisters were at their
best on the xylophone, though they
had striking facility with the cornet,
trombone, mandolin and saxophone.
Several amazing feats of strength
were performed by one of the three
Baltus Brothers, acrobats, the weights
he took a delight in lifting being none
other than his two brothers, both men
of substantial proportions. Skipper,
Kennedy and Reeves filled a lively fir-
teen minutes with song and comedy.
Reeves (if that is the name which
should be attached to the black-face
comedian) maintained the fun at a
high level.
The bill is excellent holiday fare.

Stoddart's Jewelry Store

1113 Balmoral Block.

Douglas Street

Customers having bought Diamonds of us are satisfied.
We offer our Diamond Jewelry at fully 20 per cent lower than
can be bought in any part of British Columbia. We buy direct,
and no middle man between us. Any Diamond bought from
us the cash will be returned within ten days if not found 20
per cent below other houses.

TIME IS FLYING

Only
Three More
Shopping Days

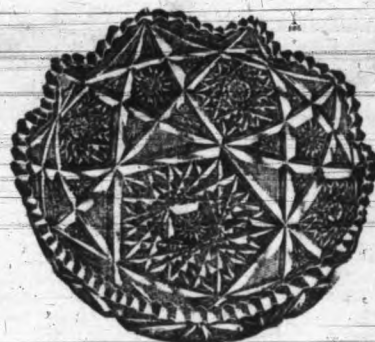


A visit to Wei-
ler's will soon
solve all your
difficulties re-
garding Christ-
mas gifts. Our
windows are
just teeming
with gift sug-
gestions appropriate for every
member of the family. Come and
make your selection as early as pos-
sible, and avoid the uncomfortable
rush of shoppers at the last minute.
Our store service is keyed up to

concert pitch. We are anxious to assist you in every way possible.

The Glorious Glitter of Cut Glass

Adds an indescribable charm to the Dinner
Table. We have the exclusive agency in
Victoria for the genuine "LIBBEY CUT
GLASS," the world's best. We have a spe-
cially fitted up showroom to display effec-
tively our large and varied selection of ex-
quisite cut glass, which makes such accept-
able wedding and Christmas gifts. You'll
have no difficulty in selecting a suitable gift
here. Look for the name LIBBEY en-
graved on every piece. The deep, skilful
cutting, the beautiful designs, and great
brilliance are points which distinguish LIB-
BEY CUT GLASS. Cash prices, 90¢ to
\$40.00.



For the convenience of the holiday

shoppers this store will be open every

evening until 9.30 o'clock, until

Christmas

Give the Musician

A Music Cabinet for Christmas. They
are both useful and ornamental.
Built on simple, graceful lines, of dull
finished mahogany, the interior is
fitted with a number of well-finished
shelves. It is so easy to keep the
music sorted and in order with one
of these handy Cabinets. Many dif-
ferent styles for your selection.



CASH PRICES

\$9.00 to \$54.00

A Daintily Set Table

Adds zest to the meal, and helps your guests enjoy more fully the good cheer
you have provided. Shining Silverware, sparkling Cut Glass, and the rich,
beautiful coloring of one of our choice but inexpensive China or semi-porcel-
lain Dinner Sets in contrast with the snowy whiteness of an Irish Linen Table-
cloth will make your dinner table extremely attractive for Christmas day.
Have you seen our display of dainty Dinner Sets, in beautiful floral and con-
ventional designs, also copies of rare old-fashioned patterns?

Cash Prices Per Set \$5.85 to \$45.00



Victoria's
Popular
Home
Furnishers

WEILER BROS LIMITED

You
Will do
Better
At Weiler's